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## PREMIER RECALLS PARLIAMENT

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### FOUR BIG CRUISERS IN TAISHAN BAY

A new interest has been imparted to Japanese military concentration on the Chinese side of Hong Kong's border by the arrival of four large cruisers, with aeroplanes on board, opposite Nam Tau in Taishan Bay.

Numerous armed trawlers and other small craft are in the bay, which continues to be a hive of activity.

At the same time, a very strict patrol along the border on the Chinese side of the river is now being maintained by the Japanese troops.

On the British side, all is calm and quiet.

#### PLANE UP

At 9 a.m., to-day a Japanese plane was sighted over the frontier on the Chinese side. The machine was presumably on patrol duty.

Between Shumchun and Shataukok, the Japanese maintain a strict patrol. A patrol party passes along the frontier path every few hours between the two occupied frontier-towns.

It is also learned that the Japanese military authorities are conscripting all able-bodied Chinese to repair the railway and wrecked roads.

#### STRIPPING HOUSES

The Japanese apparently lack building materials for they are stripping all buildings and houses of doors and beams to be used for repairing the roads.

There is also a constant flow of motor-trucks and other heavy transportation vehicles between Shumchun and Namtau, conveying troops and supplies from Namtau.

British and Indian troops, and members of the Police Force, are still manning the British side of the border.

### "SPY" CASE: BRAND RELEASED

London, To-day.

William Brand, the 29-year-old radio engineer, charged with an offence under the Official Secrets Act, was released from Perth prison last night.

Brand previously had been accused of espionage and was arrested in Perth following a conference between the local police and the Special Branch of Scotland Yard.—Reuter.

### GOVERNMENT TO RE-ENACT DORA TO-MORROW

London, To-day.

The Emergency Powers (Defence) Bill which Parliament will be asked to pass on Thursday, will in effect give the Government power to take steps to meet any emergency, and if necessary, they will be empowered to act without consulting Parliament.

The Government will then be in a similar position to the French Government, which now possesses almost dictatorial powers, in other words, the famous D.O.R.A. of the Great War will be re-enacted.

#### SOVIET AID

### IMPORTANT DECISION BY POLAND

London, To-day.

Instructions were sent to the British and French Ambassadors in Moscow last night to inform M. Molotov, the Soviet Foreign Commissar, that Poland is now ready to accept Russian aid, according to the "Daily Mail" Paris correspondent.

The correspondent adds that acceptance by Poland of Russian regiments, apart from Russian armaments, was one obstacle holding up the negotiations.

The newspaper says that M. Molotov is to be asked to give an immediate reply.

Meanwhile, Reuter's correspondent in Moscow reports that Sir William Seeds, the British Ambassador, saw M. Molotov for an hour last evening. Purpose of the meeting is not disclosed.—Reuter.

#### MALTA CAUTION

Malta, To-day.

The barbed wire defences on the coast have been electrified as part of the military precautions.

All personnel are fully prepared for any emergency.—Reuter.

### TRIPLE ALLIANCE TALKS MAY GO ON

London, To-day.

The British and French Ambassadors in Moscow have asked M. Molotov, the Soviet Foreign Commissar, for information in regard to the probable contents of the German-Soviet pact, in order to enable Britain and France to decide their attitude in regard to the Staff talks.

According to reports from Moscow it is believed that conclusion of the pact with the Nazis will not hinder continuation of the talks.—Reuter.

### POLICY FOR A MOMENT

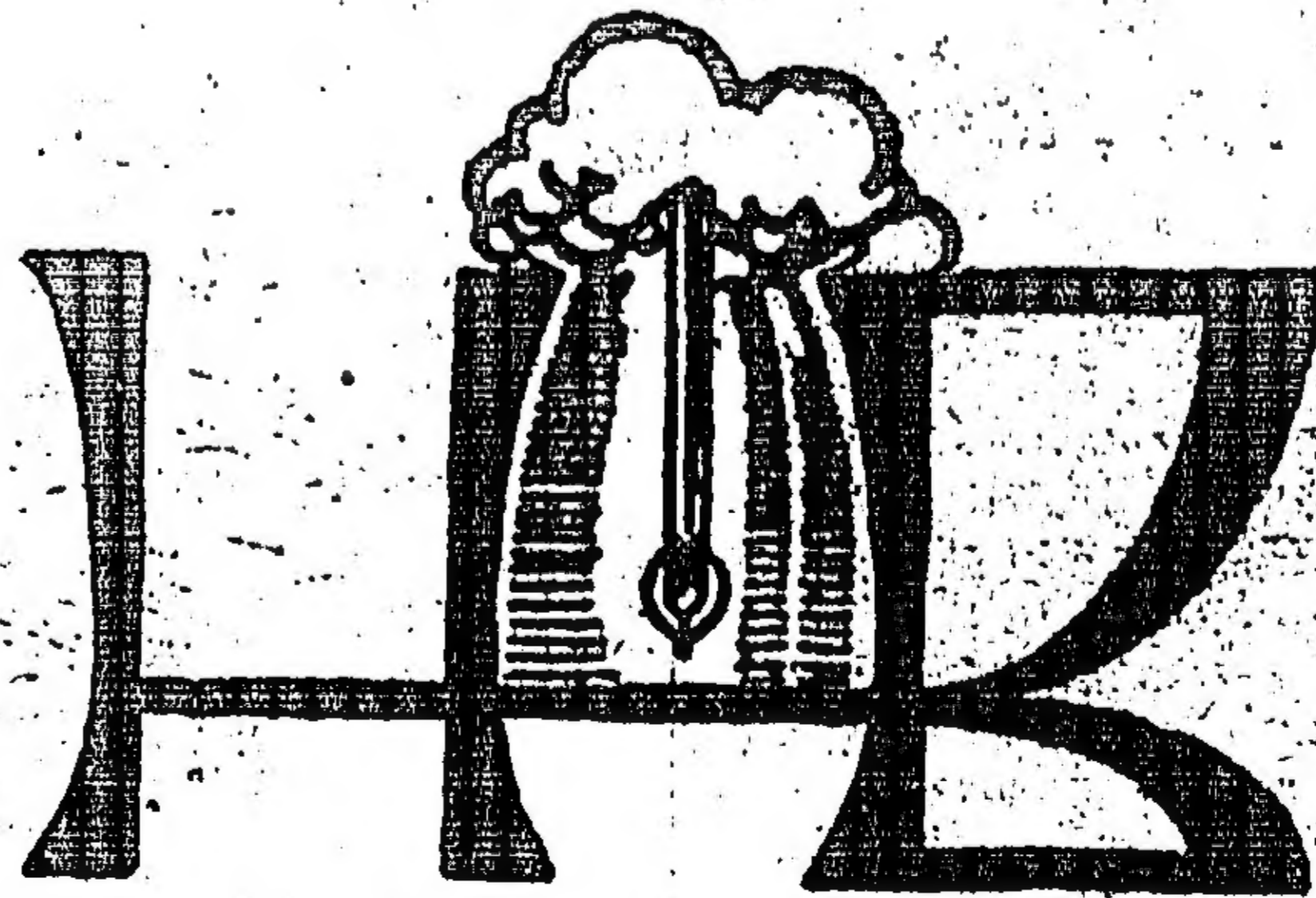
Tokyo, To-day.

It is generally inferred that the Soviet-German pact's validity may not last long because Germany's policy must be dictated expressly for the purpose of solving the Danzig issue, says the "Asahi Shimbun."

The Soviet Government, correctly appreciating this, is presumably also determined to take advantage of the pact for its own purpose, and therefore Japan must clearly watch the Soviet's Far Eastern policy.

Supreme objective of Japan's future policy is clearly the disposal of the China "Incident," in which connexion a new independent diplomacy, based on Japan's strong position in the Far East, is forecast.—Reuter.

HAVE AN H.B.—



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# LABOUR PARTY LEADER SAYS NATION MUST REMAIN CALM, STEADFAST

## NO INTENTION OF BREAKING OFF TALKS

PARIS, TO-DAY.  
THE FRENCH AND BRITISH AM-  
BASSADORS HAVE, ACCORDING  
TO "EXCELSIOR," RECEIVED IN-  
STRUCTIONS TO ENQUIRE THE  
MEANING OF THE MOSCOW NE-  
GOTIATIONS WITH GERMANY.  
THERE IS, AT PRESENT, NO DIS-  
POSITION TO SUGGEST BREAKING  
OFF THE THREE-POWER NEGO-  
TIATIONS WITH THE SOVIET.

A German-Soviet non-aggression  
pact, in the opinion of Paris and Lon-  
don, does not necessarily exclude  
other treaties with the Soviet Union.  
The strongly anti-Communist "Ac-  
tion Francaise" calls the pact a slap  
in the face for the Democracies. In  
the midst of the negotiations with  
Moscow, France and England would  
look ridiculous by the conclusion of  
such a pact.—Trans-Ocean.

## POLICE PUPPET MURDERED

Szewui, Kwangtung, To-day.  
Li Fu-chi, puppet police chief at  
Fatshan, was assassinated on August  
19. His body was taken by his family  
to Canton for burial.—Central News.

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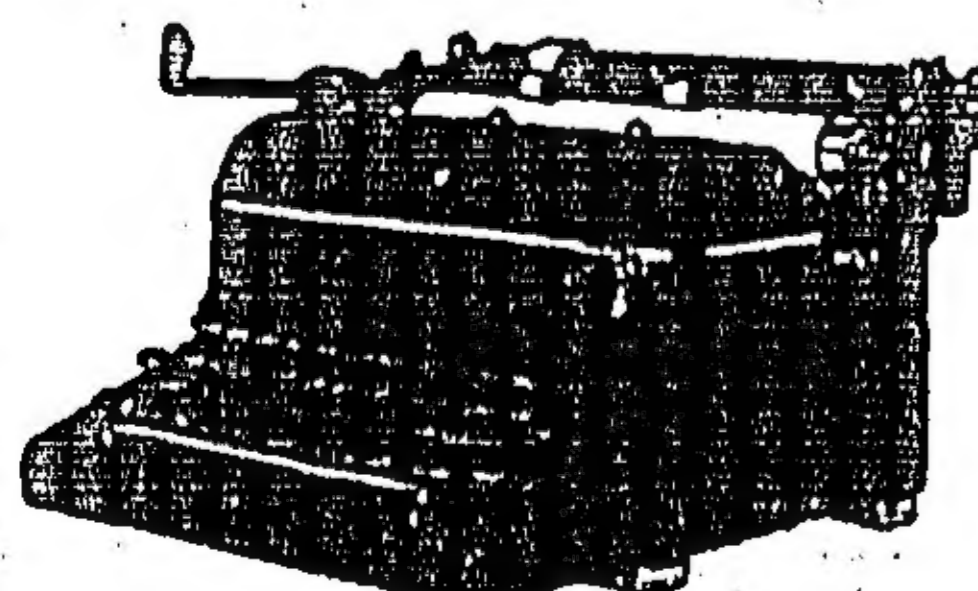
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London, To-day.  
THERE WAS CONSIDERABLE diplomatic activity in  
Whitehall during the day prior to the Cabinet meet-  
ing.

The Foreign Secretary, Lord Halifax, saw Sir Alexander  
Cadogan, Permanent Under-Secretary for Foreign  
Affairs, and then went with him to see the Prime Minis-  
ter at No. 10 Downing Street, where they were joined  
by Sir Robert Vansittart, Diplomatic Adviser to the  
Government.

## FRANCE FEELING LET DOWN

Paris, To-day.  
General feeling in Paris is  
that France has been "let  
down" and that the crisis  
must be regarded as aggra-  
vated.

Tremendous activity reigned at the  
French Foreign Office, where conver-  
sations were carried on practically  
without interruption with the French  
Embassies in London and Moscow and  
directly with the British Foreign  
Office.

The "Paris Midi" writes: "The new  
pact does not change the situation  
but only renders it more tense."

The paper adds that the  
Franco-British attitude towards  
Poland remains unchanged, and  
should the latter be attacked, the  
Western Powers would imme-  
diately go to her aid.

### WAR OF NERVES

The journal calls the pact a new  
German move in the war of nerves  
and says that responsible quarters in  
Paris and London envisage the situa-  
tion calmly.

The paper foresees rapid develop-  
ments either towards negotiations or  
war, and says France has taken all  
precautions and is ready for all  
eventualities.—Trans-Ocean.

The German charge d'affaires call-  
ed at the Foreign Office and later in  
the evening the Japanese Ambassador  
visited Lord Halifax.

Mr. Hughes, the Australian High  
Commissioner, was another visitor to  
No. 10. On leaving the Premier's re-  
sidence, he went immediately to the  
Dominions Office on the other side of  
the street.

Mr. Arthur Greenwood, Deputy  
Leader of the Opposition, after inter-  
viewing Lord Halifax, made a state-  
ment to the press in which he said  
he took a very grave view of the  
international situation.

Mr. Greenwood considered it the  
duty of all citizens to remain  
calm and steadfast in their pur-  
pose and to withstand any further  
acts of aggression as the only way  
to maintain peace in Europe. —  
Reuter.

## RUMANIAN VIEWS

Bucharest, To-day.

News of the German-Soviet pact  
was received here too late for news-  
paper comment.

Only the "Timpul," mouthpiece of  
the Rumanian Foreign Office, stresses  
the outstanding importance of the  
news.

No-one can foresee at the present  
moment what consequences such a  
pact might have, says the journal. —  
Trans-Ocean.

## OFF THE RECORD

By ED REED.



"You mean I've been help ing you all these weeks to  
raise SPINACH?"

Here's Luck

EWO BEER

## LIKE LEAVES IN AUTUMN

Tokyo, To-day.  
Reports of active warfare on  
the Outer Mongolian frontier are  
contained in a communique is-  
sued by the Japanese Kwantung  
Army yesterday.  
The communique claims that  
the Japanese engaged Soviet and  
Outer Mongolian aircraft four  
times, bringing down 97 ma-  
chines.—Reuter.

## PUT IN WEEK'S STORE OF FOOD

Suggestions to traders and house-  
holders for strengthening the coun-  
try's food position are contained in  
the leaflet "Your Food in Wartime,"  
15,000,000 copies of which are now  
being distributed in Britain.

To householders it is suggested that  
a week's supply of non-perishable  
food, such as meat and fish in cans or  
glass jars, flour, suet, canned or dried  
milk, sugar, tea, cocoa and plain bis-  
cuits, should be stored.

"When you have laid in your store,"  
the leaflet goes on, "you should draw  
on it regularly for day-to-day use,  
replacing what you use by new pur-  
chases, so that the stock in your cup-  
board is constantly being changed.  
You may find it helpful to label the  
articles with the date of purchase."

### ADVICE TO TRADERS

In advice to traders and on war-  
time measures the leaflet states:

"In the ordinary way the stocks of  
food are based on the extent of the  
local demand, or the size of the local  
population. In war-time the amount  
of stocks in any area might be affect-  
ed by air raid damage, or the flow of  
supplies might be reduced temporari-  
ly by transport difficulties.

"As an additional precaution  
against difficulties of this kind,  
traders will be doing a good ser-  
vice now by maintaining, and if  
possible increasing, their stocks,  
so far as they can."

"Should war come the Government  
would take over responsibility for  
obtaining the main food supplies for  
the country, and for distributing them  
through all the stages down to the  
consumer. This would ensure that  
every precaution could be taken  
against war-time risks. The prices of  
food would be controlled and supplies  
directed wherever they were needed."

### LOCAL FOOD CONTROL

"In each area food control would be  
in the hands of a local committee,  
which would be set up at the outbreak  
of war. The membership of these  
committees would be chosen to repre-  
sent the general body of consumers  
in the area. It would include a few  
retail traders who possess a first-hand  
working knowledge of trading condi-  
tions.

"The principal duty of these local  
Food Control Committees would be to  
look after the interests of consumers.  
They would also be responsible for  
supervising retail distribution. Shop-  
keepers would be licensed to trade by  
these committees.

"In the first instance rationing  
would be applied to five foodstuffs:  
butcher's meat, bacon and ham, sugar,  
butter and margarine, and cooking  
fats."

## EARLEY IN ROME

Rome, To-day.  
The United States Postmaster-  
General, Mr. James Farley, was re-  
ceived in private audience by Pope  
Pius at Castelgandolfo, where His  
Holiness is spending the summer.  
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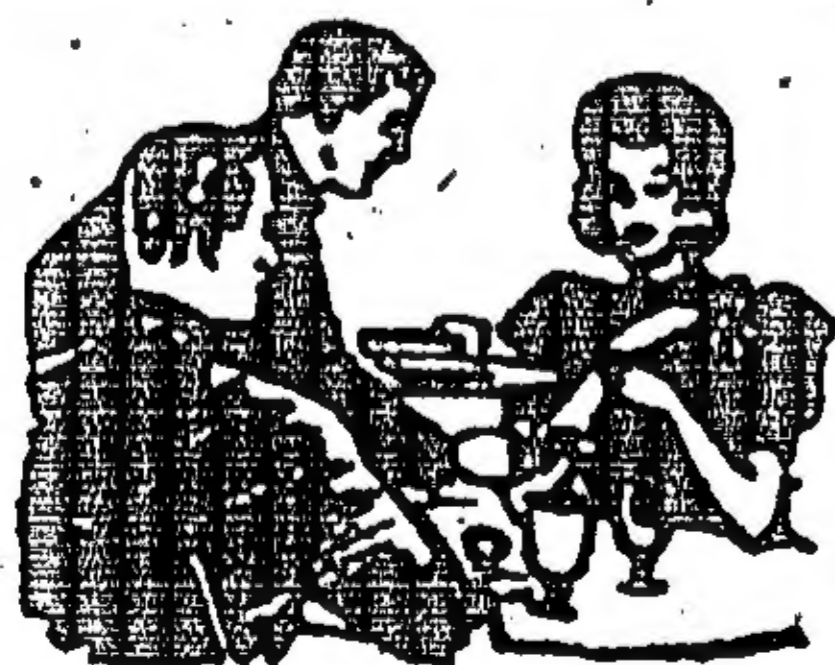
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POLICE SEARCH FOR  
WYNDHAM ST. ASSASSINS

THE POLICE THIS MORNING are conducting a wide search, without very much hope of success, for the three unknown Chinese who, at 8.50 o'clock last night, shot and chopped down Shum Shung, 30-year old nephew of Wang Ching-wei.

The murder occurred at the entrance to an alleyway a few yards down Wyndham Street from the "China Mail" office. Two representatives of the "China Mail" happened to be just round the corner in Queen's Road Central at the time, and were among the very first on the scene.

Shum Shung was lying on his back, his arms flung wide and his legs doubled up. Blood was pouring from two bullet wounds and a large gash in the head and, although he was groaning, a superficial examination showed that he was beyond aid.

He died quietly within six minutes and without changing his position.

Pending the arrival of the police and the ambulance, the "China Mail" representatives helped keep the large crowd back and circulated among the few foreigners who were near the scene at the time, looking for eye-witnesses.

## TWO SHOTS

Private Spink, of the Royal Scots, told the "China Mail" that he was within a few yards of Shum Shung but on the other side of the street, when the murder occurred. He heard two shots ring out and turning hastily, saw three Chinese running from the scene.

They were dressed in ordinary Chinese clothes—two of them in black and one in white—and were lost to sight before he had time to really realise what had happened.

At the suggestion of the "China Mail," he stayed on the scene and subsequently made a statement to the police.

## OTHER WITNESSES

Other eye-witness included a Russian woman who was practically brushed by the murderers as they fled up the street; Leung Sau, a Chinese woman who was sleeping on the pavement only a yard or two away; and several chair-coolies.

The handle of a Chamberlain-type umbrella was found by the "China Mail" a few yards away. It had been snapped off, probably when the victim fell. Two brand-new choppers were found near the corner of On Lan Street, down which the killers are believed to have fled.

## WORKING FOR JAPS?

Life was extinct by the time various police officials, hastily summoned from Central Station, appeared, and the body was removed to the mortuary in an ambulance.

Shum Shung, besides being the nephew of Wang Ching-wei, was also reported last night to be working for the Japanese and his uncle's scheme for setting up a counter-government to the Chungking Government. He returned from Canton a day or two ago.

## CLUB VISITED

Among premises visited last night in connection with enquiries into the murder, the Police were at the On Lan Club in On Lan Street. The dead man was on his way to the club when the shooting occurred.

No arrests had been made up to noon to-day.

TYPHOON'S  
INCREASED  
INTENSITY

At six a.m. to-day, the typhoon was about 120 miles south-by-west of Hong Kong, moving W.N.W. at 15 miles an hour, having increased in intensity.

The Observatory also reported that the Pacific depression is situated about 250 miles to the north of Yap moving W.N.W. A ridge of high pressure extends from Central China to the Pacific south-east of Japan.

The No. 1 signal which was hoisted early this morning was lowered before one o'clock this afternoon.

The position of the typhoon is now given as 21 N. 112 E.

BUTTERFIELD AND  
SWIRE'S FINED

Messrs. Butterfield and Swire were summoned before Mr. R. A. D. Forrest this morning for failing to furnish the passenger list of the s.s. Chekiang, and the s.s. Mui Nam, within the prescribed period, on July 25 and 29.

Inspector Langley said that there was at least were one alien passenger on the s.s. Chekiang and two on the s.s. Mui Nam, but the authorities had not yet received any lists.

The company pleaded guilty through a representative, and was fined \$100.

EVASION OF STAMP  
DUTY

Ho King-shing, of No. 114, Hollywood Road, was fined \$10 by Mr. R. A. D. Forrest at the Central Magistracy this morning for failing to stamp a receipt for a sum of \$558.07, received at No. 32 Bonham Strand East on July 4.

A fine of \$10 was imposed on Kwok Fung-man, of No. 190, Queen's Road West, first floor, for a similar offence.

A warrant was issued for the arrest of Tso Wing, of No. 151, Connaught Road Central, who failed to appear in Court, to answer a summons for failing to stamp a receipt for \$400.

NETHERLANDS  
DECISION

The Hague, To-day.

It is officially announced that the Netherlands Government has called up all reservists of the frontier and coastal defence, as well as the air force, as a precautionary measure in view of the latest development in the international situation.—Trans-Ocean.

Early yesterday morning, a thief entered No. 141, Hillier street and stole money and clothing valued at \$56.

Lieutenant Davis, of H.M.S. Rainbow, has reported the theft of a stop watch valued at £21.6.

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# NEW TURN IN THE ANTI-BRITISH CAMPAIGN IN NORTH

Peiping, To-day.

NEW TURNS IN THE Japanese-inspired anti-British movement are the use of Peiping's famous buildings for propaganda.

The famous Temple of Heaven grounds have been plastered with countless anti-British posters.

A Sino-British Theatre was closed as the result of picket activities.

The pickets accosted all Chinese and suggested they not enter, while others upbraided the management for showing Shirley Temple in "Little Princess," which they objected to because of its pro-British angle.

Reuter's office was picketed yesterday by pickets endeavouring to secure information of the firm's activities from Chinese employees as they left the premises.—Reuter.

## WHAT OF THE COMINTERN PACT?

Tokyo, To-day.

The German-Soviet pact is described as a complete German success by the "Miyako Shimbun," as the Reich "has succeeded in breaking through the Anglo-French encirclement front."

The paper says that doubtless the pact will smash the negotiations between Moscow, London and Paris.

The paper says the pact will have "important reactions" on the Anti-Comintern Pact.

A rapprochement between Berlin and Moscow had become noticeable since March, and the impression had gained strength that German-Soviet relations had improved not only economically but politically.

The new agreement is the "masterpiece of Adolf Hitler, who can now solve the Danzig question without bloodshed."—Trans-Ocean.

\* \* \* The disposition of the Axis and its cohorts to comment as though the Pact were already signed is almost the most noteworthy feature of the development.

## JAPANESE AND S.M.C.

SHANGHAI, TO-DAY.

A JAPANESE DEMAND FOR DISMISSAL OF LARGE NUMBERS OF BRITISH EMPLOYEES OF THE S.M.C. IS THE LATEST DEVELOPMENT OF THE KINLOCH AFFAIR.

Though the demand is not made in direct terms, the Japanese have issued a statement which declares that many British in the S.M.C. have no knowledge of the "real situation" in Shanghai and "it is regrettable that such individuals should be retained by the S.M.C."

"The Municipal Council ought to know by now that it is their duty to co-operate with the Japanese."—Our Own Correspondent.

### PROPAGANDA DRIVE

Chungking, To-day.

Tension still prevails in Shanghai as a result of the shooting between police of the International Settlement and the Bogus Greater Shanghai Municipal Government, states a Shanghai dispatch.

The Japanese have instructed newspapers under their control to intensify propaganda against Great Britain and the existence of foreign concessions in China. — Central News.

## GERMANY'S CHANCES IN WAR

Budapest, Aug. 10.

Dr. Ivan Lajos's recently published pamphlet, which seeks to show that Germany would be unlikely to win a lightning war, was referred to as "inflammatory matter" by Count Teleki, the Hungarian Premier, speaking in the Chamber to-day.

The Premier confirmed, however, that the booklet had had a wide circulation in Hungary through being sent free in closed envelopes to all sorts and conditions of people.

"As soon as the book appeared I invited the German Minister [Dr. von Erdmannsdorff] to aid me in taking measures against it," Count Teleki said.

"I requested him to obtain information as to whether the pamphlet embodied false quotations or quotations from texts that had not been published in Germany, whether in the German language or not, and, finally, whether the booklet contained any extracts or statement contradictory to the tenor and argumentation of the original texts.

"I made this request because it is obvious that it would take much longer for us here in Hungary to make such research.

### PAMPHLET SEIZED

"I have, however, up to the present received no answer. In the meantime the Public Prosecutor of Pecs, where the pamphlet was published, ordered it to be seized, precisely because I have received no answer."

The comment is made here that since the German authorities have not been able to reply to the Premier's request, although they have had several weeks for reflection, it seems fairly obvious that Dr. Lajos's sources are difficult to impugn.

The German Government protested against the work as soon as it appeared, and it was finally prohibited because it was regarded by the Hungarian Government as endangering friendly relations with a neighbouring State.

## KIANGSI TOWNS HEAVILY BOMBED

Kian, Kiangsi, To-day.

Mass bombing attacks were again conducted by Japanese aircraft in Kiangsi province yesterday.

Kian was raided by six machines which released over 20 bombs.

Fourteen planes attacked Hokow, on the Chekiang-Kiangsi Railway in east Kiangsi.

Shangjao, northeast of Hokow, was attacked by 11 aircraft. Some 300 bombs were unloaded there.—Central News.

### KONGMOON CLASH

Shanghai, To-day.

Tewyun, near Kongmoon, which was lost to the Japanese on August 20, was retaken on the following day. Some 300 Japanese were killed in the engagement preceding the Chinese recapture of the town. — Central News.

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## RAILWAY STRIKE NOTICE GIVEN

London, To-day.

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE of the Associated Locomotive Engineers and Firemen has decided to withdraw all labour on the four main line group railways on and from midnight on Saturday.

The Society and the National Union of Railwaymen are claiming minimum pay of 50/- a week against the recent increase of the minimum to 45/-, beyond which the railway companies maintain their resources do not allow them to go.

The National Union of Railwaymen delegate conference decided not to call a strike at present, and decided to again submit the claim for a 50/- minimum to the national tribunal.

Though the Society has only 56,000 members, against the Union's 366,000, they are key men, and action by them would practically bring the railways to a standstill.—Reuter.

H.K. PRECAUTION

## REGISTER OF WOMEN AND CHILDREN

The following announcement was made over ZBW last night by the Postmaster General, Mr. E. I. Wynne-Jones:

"It is well known to everybody that the recent registration of British male subjects resident in the Colony was instituted largely because the present state of tension throughout the world has naturally, and obviously, led Governments and Authorities generally to make preparations to meet any emergency that might arise; and it is the duty of Governments and Authorities to come to the assistance of the public at large in various ways.

"It is now desired to obtain as complete a register as possible of the names and addresses of all British-born women and children in the Colony, i.e. women and children born in any part of His Majesty's Empire. Those whose husbands and fathers are members of His Majesty's Forces in Hong Kong, or members of the local Volunteer or Police Forces need not register, as their names are already known.

"This registration is precautionary, and does not indicate the expectation of an immediate emergency. Everyone will, however, agree that the times are such that every possible preparation should be made to meet every possible contingency.

ENTIRELY VOLUNTARY

"Although Registration is entirely voluntary, Government is confident that the co-operation of the public can be counted on in this, as in other ways.

"The information should be sent, as soon as possible, to the Postmaster General, G.P.O. Hong Kong in unstamped envelopes, marked at the bottom left-hand corner "Address Registration."

"Any future change of address or numbers should be similarly notified.

"The information should be written or typed in the following form:—

Address  
No. of Adults  
Surname  
Christian Name  
Mrs./Miss  
Race

"State whether registered for war-work or not, if so in what capacity, e.g. Nursing, A.R.P., etc.

"All adults, including guests, etc., should be included.

"The names and ages of male children under the age of 18 must also be given, and the names and ages of all female children."

REGISTER

...Purpose of the proposed register it need hardly be said is to facilitate evacuation of women and children in the event of an emergency, just as is proposed for danger zones in England. It has nothing to do directly with recent developments either in the Far East or Europe. Consideration of plans for evacuation, which have been under study for some months, have now reached the stage where little further can usefully be done until the authorities know exactly how many persons are likely to be involved in any scheme, which would have to be prepared in detail well in advance of any possible contingency. Last night's announcement was made in order that this information might be available.

While walking in Queen's Road Central yesterday afternoon a Chinese, Wan King-wan, had a watch and chain valued at \$300, snatched.

## DANZIG VIEW OF HITLER'S LATEST

Danzig, To-day.

The official organ of the Danzig Government, the "Danzige Vorposten," commenting on the impending German-Russian non-aggression pact negotiations, stresses the effect this sensational turn may have on the Danzig question.

The paper says that Berlin and Moscow, by the proposed non-aggression pact, have placed the whole world in an awkward position.

Paris and London, after getting over the first shock, realise how future developments in Europe will be fundamentally influenced by a political agreement between Germany and the Soviet Union, following an economic pact.

Germany and the Soviet-Union are about to start barter on a big scale and, consequently, peace must be concluded between the two countries also in the political sphere.—Trans-Ocean.

## FAILED TO APPEAR FOR TEST

John Denman Murphy, residing at Bellevue Hotel, Kowloon, was summoned before Mr. R. A. D. Forrest this morning for failing to attend the Garrison School for medical examination, under the Compulsory Service Ordinance.

Defendant told the Court that he was engaged in looking for a position that day. He had been unemployed for quite a time. He reached the Garrison School an hour after the appointed time.

Sub-Inspector M. J. Flattery said that defendant took his examination yesterday.

Defendant was cautioned.

Louis Dunn, of No. 278, Mau Tau Wei Road, failed to appear, in a similar case. The case was adjourned one week.

## SHOULD HAVE BEEN CENSORED

The International Commercial Printing Press, Marble Road, were summoned to-day for failing to print the address and name of the printer of the magazine, "New Tendency of Chinese Youth Movement"; and, for publishing book which had not been submitted to the S.C.A.

Sergeant Terrett said that there were certain paragraphs in the book, which should have been censored by the S.C.A.

A fine of \$20 was imposed.

## SOVIET WANTS THREE-POWER TALKS TO GO ON

Moscow, To-day.

Well-informed Soviet quarters yesterday afternoon expressed the opinion that the Soviet-German non-aggression pact would not be incompatible with the projected defensive alliance between the Soviet, Britain and France.

The statement is regarded by competent observers as of the highest significance, indicating the Soviet Government's intention and desire to continue the three-power anti-aggression talks. — Reuter.

### NAZI-SOVIET NEGOTIATIONS

## FIRST SHOCK OF SURPRISE OVER: AMERICA DETECTS A SILVER LINING

Washington, To-day.

WITH THE FIRST SHOCK of surprise over, officials here are inclined to believe that the announcement of the projected Soviet-German pact is not quite so catastrophic as at first appeared.

The State Department hitherto has withheld comment pending clarification of the announcement.

Well-informed circles, however, enumerate a number of points as possibly constituting a "silver lining."

Firstly, it is pointed out that the Soviet, which demanded such a high price from Britain, can hardly have surrendered all its bargaining power by giving Germany a free hand in Eastern Europe.

Secondly, continued German aggression throughout that area could scarcely be to the Soviet's interest.

#### HITLER'S HIGH PRICE

Thirdly, Hitler certainly has paid highly by weakening the Anti-Comintern Pact, and exposing Japan to the threat of a stronger Soviet and Chinese resistance.

It is stated that the last point cannot fail to cause some satisfaction here.

It is balanced, however, by regret that though aggression in the Far East has received a setback, the European peace front has received a severe blow, particularly the diplomacy of Britain, which it has been President Roosevelt's constant desire in recent months to strengthen. — Reuter.

#### BUDAPEST AND PACT TALK

Budapest, To-day.

The Soviet-German pact proposal overshadows all other news in the Hungarian press.

First comment says that such a pact could mean a complete change of the international situation and the shifting of the balance of power. — Trans-Ocean.

#### WOMEN LABOUR

Fines of \$50 were imposed by Mr. Q. A. A. Macfadyen this morning on the managers of the Sai Kai Singlet Company and the Wah Loong Knitting Company, for allowing women to be employed after 8.30 p.m.

Inspector W. D. Phillips, of the Factories and Works, prosecuted.

### BLANK CHEQUE MISTAKE

SHANGHAI, TO-DAY. COMMENTING ON THE SOVIET-GERMAN PACT, THE "SHANGHAI TIMES" CALLS THE DEVELOPMENT A CLEAR DEFEAT OF BRITISH POLICY.

It was one of the greatest mistakes Lord Halifax ever made, says the journal, when he gave a blank cheque

### AMBASSADOR CANCELS JOURNEY

London, To-day.

It is learned in official circles that the British Ambassador in Berlin, Sir Neville Henderson, is not proceeding to Salzburg as arranged, owing to the international situation.

Sir Neville Henderson will remain in Berlin but may go to Salzburg later in the week. — Reuter.

to Poland, hoping that Soviet Russia would help to cash the cheque if she received financial promises from Britain and France.

Such promises, however, had made no impression in Moscow. — Trans-Ocean.

Jewellery, valued at \$102 was stolen yesterday from a room in the basement of Queen's Building, occupied by Li Ching-man.

## FRENCH BITTER: DARING GAME BUT MAY NOT SUCCEED

Paris, To-day.

The French press last night took the line that the German-Soviet pact might have been expected in view of Moscow's "shilly-shallying" and the recent trade agreement concluded between Moscow and Berlin.

It is also considered that the pact may not have the results hoped for by Germany.

Describing it as a complete reversal of the policy and doctrines of the history of Europe, "Le Temps," organ of the French Foreign Office, says:

"The Reich Government, caught in a cul-de-sac, had to create a new fact. A non-aggression pact with the Soviet, however, is contrary to the nature of things and appears to be the surest means of obstructing an Anglo-French-Soviet military entente."

"The game is daring but it is not certain to have the results hoped for in Berlin."

#### STRATEGIC WITHDRAWAL?

"The pact apparently means the end of the Anti-Comintern Pact, denial of all the doctrines of the Nazi regime and the abandonment of any plans Germany may have had for a thrust

towards the Baltic countries, the Ukraine and the Black Sea.

"One is inclined to believe that the Fuehrer is in a difficult situation and wishes to act speedily to ward off the peril he created, and is making a strategical withdrawal while saving the face of his regime by spectacular diplomatic success." — Reuter.

#### GIRLS CONVICTED

Nine Chinese women and girls, between the ages of 16 and 24, were fined \$20 each, or three week's imprisonment by Commander G. F. Hole, at the Marine Court this morning.

The girls were convicted for unlawfully boarding s.s. Van Heutz on Monday.

## FRENCH CABINET DECISION

Paris, To-day.

Following the Cabinet meeting a communique was issued stating that the Cabinet Council examined the international situation, and particularly reports sent to the Government by the representatives of France abroad.

The Council approved instructions which were immediately despatched to French Ambassadors abroad.

The Premier, M. Daladier, had a long talk with General Gamelin, Chief of General Staff, after the Cabinet Council, which lasted 85 minutes.

The foreign affairs committee of the Chamber has been summoned for Friday, when, according to several Deputies, the chairman, M. Maitles, will explain the international situation.

It is likely that the Foreign Minister, M. Bonnet, will also make a statement, and thus members of the committee will be able to follow the evolution of the European situation without the necessity of Parliament being summoned. — Reuter.

### TENSION MOUNTS IN CHUNGSHAN

Chungshan, To-day.

Tension is mounting in the Chungshan district as nine Japanese warships have been sighted off Tamchow, in the Pearl River delta. — Central News.

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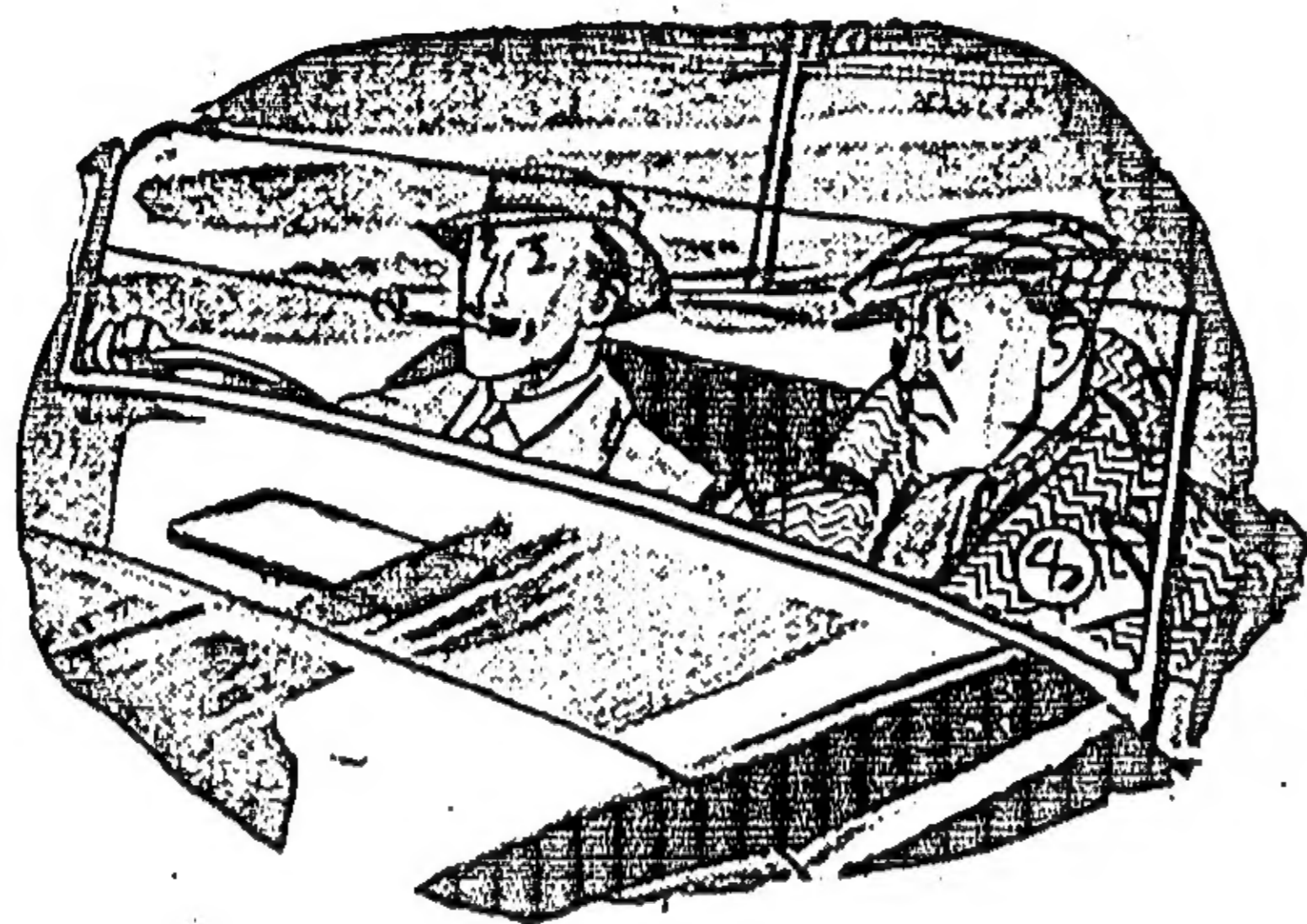
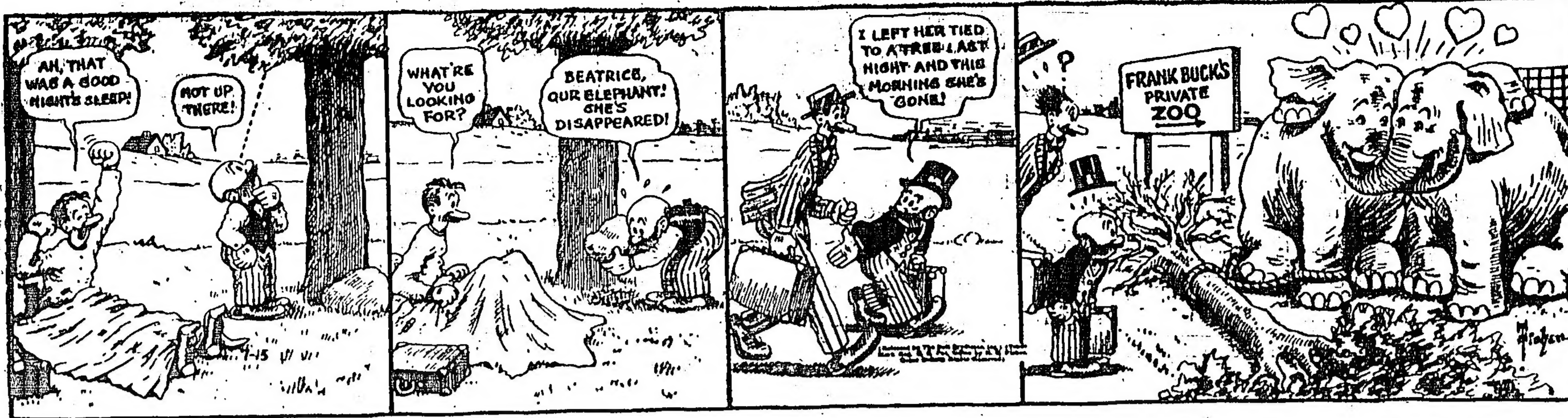


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## MUTT AND JEFF

By BUD FISHER



## ALL OUR YESTERDAYS

"Good party last night, wasn't it?"

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"Yes. That was you."

"Oh, I see. Tell me, Philip—do you remember me being dropped head downwards from a great height on to a concrete floor, by any chance?"

"Slight headache, eh?"

"Philip—I wish I had your flair for understatement. I feel as though I had lived on an exclusive diet of iron filings and broken glass for the last five years. What amazes me is that you seem to be

so disgustingly cheerful and bright this morning."

"I know. It must be very exasperating. A medicine man warned me to stick to 'Gimlets' at parties. So I always take the precaution of bringing my own bottle of Rose's Lime Juice. You may cock a sceptical eyebrow, Edwin—but it works."

"How?"

"Rose's Lime Juice is the latest thing in therapeutic agents. It restores the metabolic balance. In simple non-scientific parlance—suitable for a mind such as yours, Edwin—it prevents hangovers."

"Why—oh why—didn't you tell me this last night?"

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## THE DAILY SHORT STORY

## COURAGE

As usual, when Jerry saw Butch Holden, he hesitated, wondering whether to take the long way around to school, or to advance boldly in the hope that Butch was in a friendly mood. Ever since he could remember, Jerry had been afraid of Butch, and Butch, being an inch taller and the bully and leader of the Stacy Creek district, took a fiendish delight in tormenting the smaller boy.

Butch was standing on the bridge with Red Miller and Chuck Parsons. The three of them were intent on watching something in the creek. Jerry advanced with caution. He got abreast of the trio and in another minute would have been past and breathing easier. But Butch suddenly whirled around and snatched Jerry's hat from his head.

"Hiya, Percy. How about fishing my jackknife out the creek, eh? You'd do me a favour like that, wouldn't yuh, Percy?"

Red and Chuck leaned against the bridge rail, grinning broadly. "Aw, please, Butch, don't make me. It's icy cold. Maybe I'll get pneumonia."

"Now ain't that too bad?" Butch grinned wickedly and with a flick of his wrist tossed Jerry's hat into the water. "Gawan get your hat an' don't come back without my jackknife."

Jerry knew that to disobey meant

thought was this: Butch was bigger and more powerful, yet obviously he was afraid of Miss Pitman. Why? There was only one answer. Butch was a bully and all bullies are cowards. It is only when something or somebody runs from a bully that he is brave.

The thought kept recurring to Jerry all through the day. Why, he himself was bigger than Miss Pitman. He had no doubt that if Miss Pitman appeared to be afraid of Butch, he'd beat her. It was her manner, her assurance that terrorised him.

Jerry thought and thought and finally he came to a decision. He decided that he could certainly not make the situation any worse by being bold for once.

So Jerry was waiting on the bridge that afternoon when Butch Holden came along with Red and Chuck. There were several others waiting with him, for Jerry had made a boast and these others were eager for what was to come.

The minute Butch stepped onto the bridge Jerry, though he was trembling inside, stepped forward and said: "Hello, funny face." Then he grabbed Butch's hat and tossed it into the water. "Let's see if you can swim, windbag."

Butch was so astonished that for a moment he just stared. Red's and Chuck's mouths fell open. Sensing

By Stanley Cordell

that Butch would keep him in the icy waters of the Creek until the school bell rang. Tears of bitterness in his eyes, hating himself for being a coward, he went down under the bridge and waded in, while Butch and his two companions hooted and yelled from above. The knife was lying in two feet of water and Jerry retrieved it without trouble. But he had more difficulty with his hat. By the time he returned to the bridge his legs were wet to the knees. Butch and his pals had gone.

The bell rang just as Jerry was turning into the school yard. He had to run to make the line before Miss Pitman appeared. Butch and Red sneered at him when he entered the classroom, his feet squishing with every step.

Jerry spent the morning brooding over his lack of courage, scheming bitter revenge on Butch Holden. He was opening his arithmetic book when something hit him stingingly behind the ear. Involuntarily he cried out. He looked up to see Miss Pitman striding down the aisle. For a moment he thought she was heading for his desk; then he knew that she had seen Butch throw the spitball. A warm glow began to burn in Jerry's heart.

Butch was cringing back in his seat. Miss Pitman, her lips pressed firmly together, grabbed him by the coat collar, jerked him out of his seat and marched him up the aisle. Some of the pupils giggled.

It was rather a ridiculous picture. Miss Pitman was a full two inches shorter than Butch, and weighed less than 100 pounds. Yet Butch cringed away from her. Fear dwelt in his eyes. Each time she slapped him with the ruler he shrieked in terror and pain.

Watching, a curious thought occurred to Jerry. He wondered why it had not occurred to him before, for this was not the first time Miss Pitman had taken hold of Butch. The

what Butch did not, they stopped short—behind Butch.

"Why, you—" Butch stepped forward. Then he too stopped, for Jerry, though it took all his courage, did not retreat. Butch stopped and snarled. "Go get that hat, you little rat."

But instead Jerry's fist drove out and caught Butch over the eye. And before Butch could recover his senses, he hit him again.

For just a second Jerry got set to run because he thought that Butch was going to charge. But Butch didn't, and courage surged into Jerry's being like warm sunlight. He stepped in again, and his fists beat a steady tattoo on Butch's face.

Blood appeared. It splattered on Butch's half raised hands. He looked at it and suddenly he burst out crying. He howled and he pleaded for mercy. The onlookers whooped, urging Jerry to finish a job they all wished they had had the courage to start. And Jerry did. He knocked Butch down, picked him up and then knocked him down again. Then he rolled him to the side of the bridge and over into the water.

Feeling like a conquering hero he turned, seeking Red and Chuck. But Red and Chuck had disappeared.

(Released by The Associated Newspapers)

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## STILL TWO SIDES TO QUESTION

London, To-day.  
Commenting on the international situation, the "Evening News" observes that a Russo-German pact might possibly strengthen Germany's resolve to crush Poland, but it could not weaken the determination of England and France to resist an attempt to destroy Polish liberties.—Trans-Ocean.

## WRONGFUL PRACTICE IN MEDICINE

Before Mr. R. A. D. Forrest this morning, Lei Sik-pang, alias S. P. Nye, was summoned for unlawfully practising medicine.

Inspector L. R. Whant, prosecuting, said that on July 17, while enquiring into different cases, the police found some Western medicine in the name of Dr. S. P. Nye. On August 14, a Chinese detective went to No. 167 Wanchai Road, where he was medically examined by defendant. A prescription was given and fee of \$1 charged.

At about 3.15 p.m. the same day, witness together with Dr. Valentine, visited the premises, and found medicine in the house.

The Police, said Inspector Whant, were not taking a serious view of the case, because defendant had practised in Canton for quite a long time.

### 40 YEARS IN PRACTICE

Mr. C. Y. Kwan, pleaded guilty on behalf of the defendant and said that Dr. Nye was an undergraduate of a well-known medical college in Canton, and had been practising in Canton for the past 40 years. His client was a refugee and did not actually practise. There was no sign-board put up outside his residence.

Being a doctor, his client could not refuse to attend patients who visit him.

Defendant was fined \$10.

## SOUGHT FIGHT TO SETTLE DEBT

"I have no money, we had better fight for it," said Hung Kwong, 40, when asked by Pun Fai, 49, to repay an outstanding loan.

Hung thereupon struck Pun on the face with his fist. Another man joined in on Hung's side and was alleged by Pun to have used a hard instrument, causing an injury which required hospital treatment for two days.

Pun was discharged from hospital this morning, and Hung was charged before Mr. E. Himsworth.

According to Sergeant Hewitt, Pun lent \$45 to Hung in December last to enable him to pay his rent. Hung repaid \$36 and \$9 was outstanding when they met in Canton Road.

Mr. Himsworth placed Hung on a \$10 bond to keep the peace for one year and ordered him to pay \$1.50 to Pun as compensation.

## UNION JACK IN ANTARCTIC

Plans for a British expedition to the Antarctic are nearly complete.

They have been drawn up by Dr. Colin Bertram and are to be laid before the Royal Geographical Society. They envisage an expedition to the Falkland Islands Dependency, claimed by Britain.

As with all such schemes, the stumbling block is the difficulty of raising the money.

The American expedition is due to leave in October. Even in the most auspicious circumstances the R.G.S. expedition could not leave this year.

Dr. Bertram was a member of the Cambridge Zoological Expedition which visited Greenland in 1933.

# MILITARY PRECAUTIONS DECIDED UPON IN PARIS

Paris, To-day.

**PRESIDENT LEBRUN will have arrived back in Paris from Lorraine to-day in order, it is said, to give final sanction to important military measures to be taken by the Council of Ministers to-morrow.**

Meanwhile, a large number of reservists are being called up, although it is maintained that these do not exceed normal measures requisite for assuring the national security.

The "Paris Soir" says it is not contemplated to summon Parliament, a measure which would only occur if the situation becomes still more critical. For the time being, the only thing to do is to await further developments in Moscow.

The newspapers assert that the attitude of Britain and France towards their Polish ally has undergone no change as the result of the latest Russian move.

The "Paris Soir" says that although it had been expected that Moscow

would deviate from its former policy, the Kremlin's tactics have completely nonplussed Paris.

### SECRET HELD BACK?

Consultations are going on between Britain and France in the face of the new situation, and the "Paris Soir" talks of a secret which is being held back by London and Paris.

Both countries will retain their military missions in Moscow until further notice.

Official quarters eagerly await diplomatic communications from

## POLAND WAITS

London, To-day.

The spokesman of the Polish Embassy in London in a statement to the Press said that Poland was awaiting clarification of the situation.

The Soviet-German pact was not yet concluded and the text not disclosed.—Trans-Ocean.

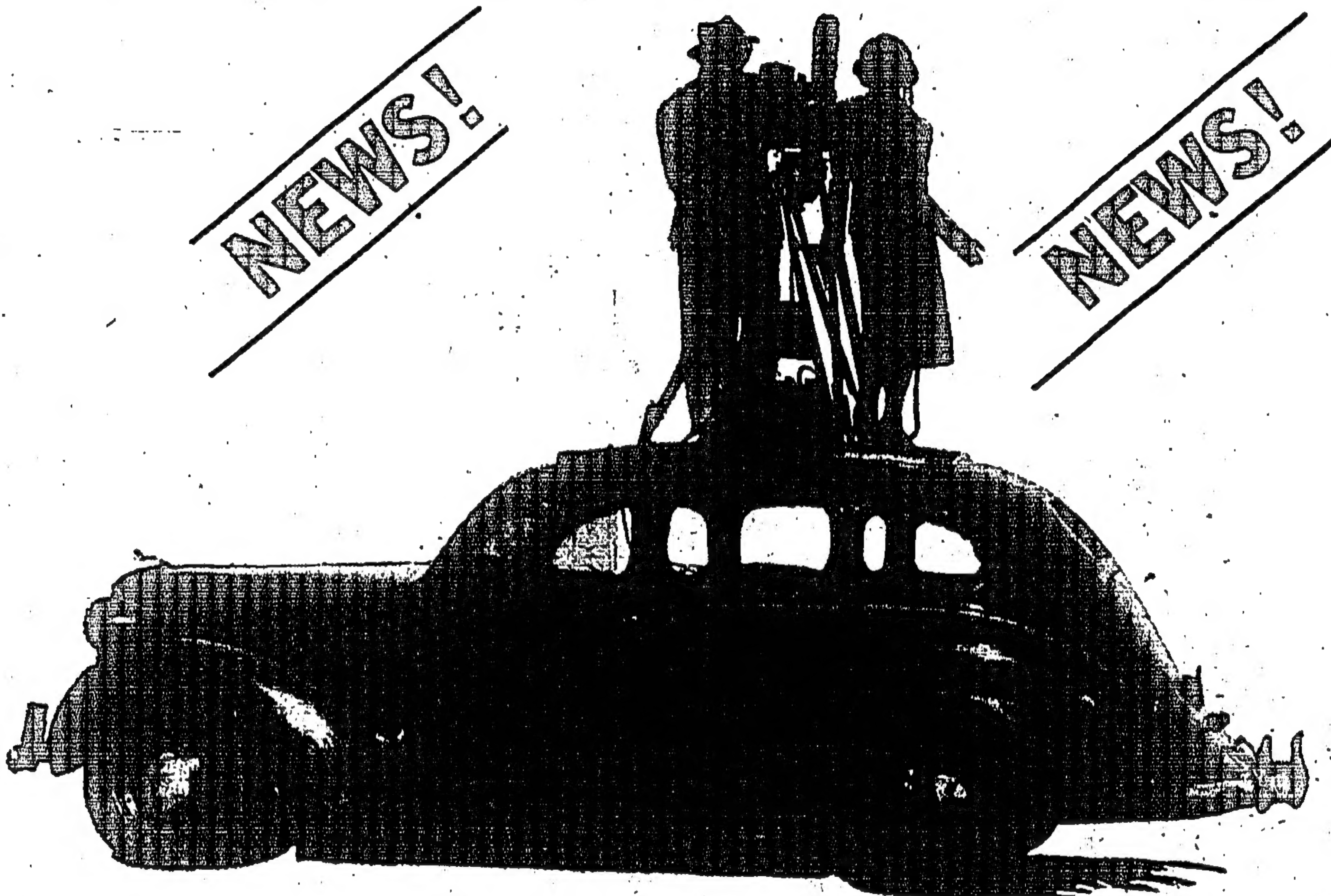
## CONFERENCE OF OSLO POWERS

Brussels, To-day.

Switzerland, though not a member of the Oslo Powers, has been invited to attend the conference which opens here to-day.—Reuter.

Moscow.

"Intransigent," stating that France's attitude towards Poland has not changed, asks what repercussions the German-Soviet pact will have on Turkey and Rumania.—Trans-Ocean.



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## MIRROR OF WORLD OPINION

### FAMILY ALLOWANCES

The principle of family allowances is already adopted for the armed forces, for the police, and for the unemployed. Why should not the whole nation enjoy the same advantage? The sooner the question of family allowances becomes a live issue in domestic politics the sooner it will pass from the stage of ideas into the stage of legislation.—"News Chronicle."

### PREPAREDNESS ON TEST

Great new commitments abroad have been undertaken during the year. Never can our attitude be wholly one of passive defence, but in the new conditions of obligations on the Continent the counter-offensive assumes a new importance. Nor can we ignore possible threats to the more distant parts of the Empire. There can be no halting in the process of rearmament, no slackening of the pace of preparation, until gaps are made good.—"Daily Telegraph."

### BLACK-OUT

The unwelcome co-operation of the weather in completing last night's black-out should not deprive citizens who took part of the satisfaction of duty well done. Millions of people who, often at much expense, shrouded their house lights, or travelled dimly on darkened roads, may feel that the imperfection of aerial observation made their efforts not worth while. This is a wrong point of view. Even if unwatched from above, citizens became their own critics and learned the chinks in their own armour against light.—"Daily Mail."

### THE ENGLISH GENTLEMAN

The rise of the English Gentleman in the middle of last century coincides with the distant beginnings of British Imperial decadence. The crisis, the methodical expropriations carried out by the democratic rulers, the slow but perceptible dissolution of the Empire are all turning the "gentleman" into a tired, discouraged individual who is a dead weight on the life of the nation.

He abandons himself to the flabby and egotistical existence allowed him by his last remaining wealth, goes in for birth control, believes in subsidising the unemployed, demands higher tariff walls for an industry which no longer knows how to defend itself, and openly envies the young nations whose power is increasing, thanks to their fresh energy.

The English gentleman is really a man who, adopting a conventional out-look on life, finally becomes impassive and obstinate, full of selfish pride, and "somewhat inhuman." — "Popolo d'Italia."

### DANZIG

Danzig is a Free State within the Customs frontier of Poland, which shares control of the railway lines, postal service and port. These are the things that are meant when men speak of Polish rights. That Danzig should remain free as an outlet for the commerce of Poland is vital to the continued existence of Poland as a Great Power—a position that belongs to her by population wealth, industrial enterprise and her past history. That simple truth has been ignored through the whole campaign in which Herr Forster's speech is a further stage.—"Daily Telegraph."

### FLYING BOTH WAYS

Sir John Reith, chairman of Imperial Airways, is in America on holiday. Cut short your holiday, Sir John. The revised version of your company's plight does not improve the situation at all. You are a skilled negotiator and Imperial Airways need all your skill and ability now to get a fleet of R.A.F. bombers to carry the mail. With that job accomplished British people will be able to fly along the routes of Empire in Imperial Airways planes both ways instead of one.—"Daily Express."

### A FRIEND OF FREEDOM

As Dr. Benes claims, the fight for freedom and the development of the free human spirit can never wholly be extinguished. It is by that uplifting faith he is sustained in the hour of his country's fallen fortunes; and if he is convinced that the many victory of freedom will come again, he can tell himself that his own influence and example have done not a little to keep the conviction alive. Wherever freedom lives, "there's not a breathing of the common wind" that will forget him.—"Daily Express."

### IN HEAVY WEATHER

The Roosevelt Administration is being beaten time and time again in the House of Representatives. Such a series of major defeats inflicted by the elected chamber upon a British Government would have caused its resignation months ago. Mr. Roosevelt continues as President because he is answerable under the American Constitution not to the House, but directly to the people who elected him for a fixed term.—"Daily Herald."

### READY FOR ANYTHING

From this mean, twilight half-world of political animosities and baseless allegations the healthy-minded British citizen, on holiday bent, will prefer to turn to the Prime Minister's statement of British policy. In words of one syllable, we are glad to talk, but fit to fight.

### OUTLOOK ON LIFE

"The seriousness of life does not imply gloom, pessimism or depression. It is not incompatible with the youthful gaiety of the people, with rejoicings, wit and laughter. It merely demands that serious things should be taken seriously." — Dr. Salazar, Premier of Portugal.

It does not lie in the power of the British Government alone to dictate the course of events before winter sets a close, in 1939, to military campaigning; but, given the action or even the absence of action which the Prime Minister predicates as the condition of peaceful discussion, it may yet be possible to save Europe from the catastrophe which would otherwise make this month's holiday interregnum a poor breathing space on the route to civilisation's ultimate undoing.—"Truth."

### TIRED MEMBERS

Mr. Chamberlain is probably right in thinking that drastic changes at this moment, in a team which is at all events hard-working and harmonious, might actually have retarded the great efforts after security which are so much more impressive to foreign nations than any mere gesture. But he can hardly suppose that his present Government is the strongest that the country can produce, or that several members of it would not be all the better for a rest.—"The Times."

### THE COMMON PURPOSE

The personal differences, which are to-day the substance of party politics, are in one respect at least unsubstantial. Face to face with a crisis they would disappear in a night. It is too early yet to say where this Session will rank in Parliamentary history, but at least it has witnessed the emergence of a common policy to which both critics and criticised are irrevocably pledged.—"The Times."

## FORECAST OF THE PACT

Rome, To-day.

Soviet Russian circles in Rome forecast that the proposed German-Russian pact will provide that either side has the right to denounce the pact if the other commits an aggression.

Other clauses will probably contain undertakings that neither side will attack the other, and will remain neutral if the other is the victim of aggression. — Reuter.

## CABINET DECIDES TO CALL PARLIAMENT TOGETHER

### OBLIGATIONS TO POLAND NOT AFFECTED BY DEVELOPMENTS

LONDON, TO-DAY

IT IS OFFICIALLY ANNOUNCED THAT THE CABINET DECIDED, AT ITS MEETING YESTERDAY AFTERNOON, THAT ANY GERMAN-SOVIET NON-AGGRESSION PACT WOULD IN NO WAY AFFECT THEIR OBLIGATIONS TO POLAND.

Parliament will meet on Thursday, when both Houses will pass through all stages the Emergency Powers Defence Bill to place the Government in a position to take any necessary measures without delay should the situation require.

## PRECAUTIONARY STEPS

Meanwhile, precautionary measures are being taken. Certain personnel of the Navy, Army and R.A.F. and of A.R.P. and civil defence bodies have been called up.

Arrangements are also being made to deal with exports from this country of essential materials and commodities.

The Government consider that nothing in the German-Polish difficulties would justify the use of force involving European war, and that there are no questions in Europe not capable of peaceful solution if confidence is to be restored.

The Government are, as they always have been, ready to assist in creating such conditions, but if in spite of all their efforts, others insist on the use of force, they are prepared and determined to resist it to the utmost. — Reuter.

### FULL ATTENDANCE

London, To-day.

The British and French Cabinets both met yesterday.

In London, the meeting, at which there was a full attendance of Ministers with the exception of the Lord Chancellor, lasted over three hours.

The Cabinet heard a statement by the Foreign Secretary on the international situation. — British Wireless.

### OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE

London, To-day.

A communique issued from No. 10 Downing Street last night says: "The Cabinet at their meeting to-day considered the international situation in all its bearings.

In addition to reports that had been received as to military movements in Germany, the Cabinet took note of the report that a non-aggression pact between the German and Soviet Governments was about to be concluded.

They had no hesitation in deciding that such an event would in no way affect their obligation to Poland, which they have repeatedly stated in public and which they are determined to fulfil.

Parliament has been summoned to meet on Thursday, when the Government propose to invite both Houses to pass through all its stages the Emergency Powers Defence Bill. Effect of this will be to place the Government in a position to take any necessary measures without delay should the situation require.

In meantime further measures of a precautionary character are being

## SOVIET TO BE ASKED TO EXPLAIN

LONDON, TO-DAY.

THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT HAS INSTRUCTED ITS REPRESENTATIVE IN MOSCOW TO TAKE STEPS TO ASCERTAIN THE BEARING OF THE NEW NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE GERMAN GOVERNMENT ON THE CONVERSATIONS WHICH ARE IN PROGRESS BETWEEN THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT AND THE GOVERNMENTS OF LONDON AND PARIS.

THIS DEVELOPMENT NATURALLY IN NO WAY AFFECTS THE GUARANTEES WHICH BOTH THE BRITISH AND FRENCH GOVERNMENTS HAVE GIVEN TO POLAND. — BRITISH WIRELESS.

taken by departments—for instance the calling up of certain personnel for the Navy, Army and R.A.F. and for A.R.P. and civil defence.

### TO UTMOST

While taking measures of precaution, which the Government consider necessary at this time, they remain of opinion that there is nothing in the difficulties that have arisen between Germany and Poland which justify the use of force involving a European war with all its tragic consequences.

As the Prime Minister has repeatedly said, there are indeed no questions in Europe which are not capable of peaceful solution if only conditions of confidence could be restored.

His Majesty's Government are, as they always have been, ready to assist in creating such conditions but if, in spite of all their efforts, others insist on the use of force, they are prepared and determined to resist it to the utmost. — British Wireless.

## GERMAN MOVE

## DEPRESSING EFFECT ON JAPANESE

Berlin, To-day.

The German-Soviet pact announcement took Japanese in Berlin completely by surprise, and appears to have had an extremely depressing effect on them.

The Japanese Ambassador, Mr. Oshima, conferred with principal members of the Embassy till early in the morning, and then despatched a lengthy cable to Tokyo.

Japanese in Berlin are of opinion that the Anti-Comintern Pact has now become worthless. — Reuter.

## SHARP BLOW TO JAPAN'S EXTREMISTS

Tokyo, To-day.

The German approach to Moscow has caused as much shock in Tokyo as anywhere in Europe, and Japanese political quarters are inclined to be bitterly critical.

It is felt, however, that a sharp blow has been administered to the Army extremists of the Young Officer group, strengthening the position of Mr. Arita.

The Foreign Minister was engaged in long consultations last night with Baron Hiranuma and General Itagaki.

According to well-informed quarters, the Japanese Government has decided to "wait and see." No action in the matter will be taken until the Inner Cabinet has had an opportunity of studying reports from Berlin and Rome as to the attitude and policy of Germany. — Our Own Correspondent.

## CIANO NOT TRYING TO MEDIATE

Rome, To-day.

Reports that the Italian Foreign Minister, Count Ciano, left Albania suddenly to convoke a conference between Germany, Britain, France and Poland for the peaceful settlement of present problems, are denied in well-informed quarters.

The fact that Count Ciano has not received any foreign envoys seems to confirm the denial.

The Italian press exhorts Poland to negotiate with Germany for a settlement, and advises the Western Powers not to interfere. — Trans-Ocean.

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# RIBBENTROP SETS OUT

## Long Conference With Hitler Before Leaving

### NAZI NEWSPAPERS EXPRESS JUBILATION

Berlin, To-day.

HERR VON RIBBENTROP had a long conference with Herr Hitler at Obersalzberg yesterday and left by air for Koenigsberg, on the first stage of his air journey to Russia, later in the day.

He will fly from Koenigsberg to Moscow in the course of to-day. The German press is now discussing "the traditional friendship of Russia and Germany!"

#### TIENTSIN COMEDY

### BLOCKADE BY ROWING BOAT!

Peiping, To-day.

Though there was much delay, the train service between Tientsin and Peiping was maintained yesterday.

Two trains arrived hours late crowded with refugees, including 600 Japanese from their Concession in Tientsin, which is reported to be worse affected by the floods than others parts of the city.

Travellers report that the Japanese are striving to maintain the blockade of the British Concession.

Sentries have been posted at all barriers in rowing or motor-boats, and the blockade has now become a maritime affair.—Reuter.

### COBB FAILS IN BID FOR NEW RECORD

Salt Lake City (Utah), To-day.

John Cobb, the British motorist, covered a mile in one direction at an average speed of 369.23 miles an hour yesterday.

Cobb had wretched luck on the return journey, however, when his engine stalled, and thus his attempt on Capt. George Eyston's record of 357 m.p.h. failed.

Cobb's run, which was made northwards, beat the northward run of Eyston's when the latter established his record, namely 356.44 miles an hour.—Reuter.

The view is generally expressed that the Pact corresponds to the "realism" invariably manifested by the policy of the Third Reich and is the inevitable result of Britain's refusal to come to an understanding with Germany!

The "Hamburger Fremdenblatt" whose Berlin correspondent is supposed to be well-informed says that whereas London's procrastination had finally "brought about the failure of the interminable negotiations with Moscow," Germany has again shown her ability to take proper and natural action at the right time.

At bottom, the writer contends, the German nation is not surprised by the new development of German policy.

Britain's policy directed against Germany's lebensraum, made it imperative for the German Government to carefully and realistically consider the new possibilities of the European balance of forces. Agreement with Moscow is the inevitable result of the encirclement policy.

#### NO CONFLICT

"Nachtausgabe" asserts that there have never been controversies between Germany and Russia in respect of territory.

The Democratic Powers, it says, will now have to admit that the view that Germany and Italy alone determine the destinies of Europe is justified.

The "Deutsche Allgemeine Zeitung" points out that a new situation has now arisen in Europe. The world has been notified that Germany would not again be caught napping as in 1914. While others talked, Germany had acted.

The German nation, says the paper, welcomes the Pact as constituting a decisive turning point.—Trans-Ocean.

\*\*\*Point of the sharp distinction between the phraseology of the German communique and that issued in Moscow has been discreetly overlooked by the German press. The "counting of chickens" etc., attitude, however, may be less self-deception than pursuance of activity in the so-called war of nerves. We need hardly stress that the "realism" which the German Press so much admires is but further manifestation of Hitler's opportunistic disregard of all promises and pledges and friends when self-interest dictates.

### HOLLAND CANCELS ARMY LEAVE

The Hague, To-day.  
The Government has cancelled the leave of all men in the frontier and coastal air defence units until further notice.—Reuter.

### STOCK MARKET RALLIES

London, To-day.

The London Stock Exchange, after an early sharp marking down of prices owing to the surprise German-Soviet pact, later rallied under the lead of international issues.

The latest political developments resulted in fair activity on the foreign exchange market, where the main tendency was to offer continental currencies for American dollars, thus exercising indirect pressure on Sterling, which was counter-acted by the Exchange Equalisation Account.

Commodities were quiet apart from wheat and sugar, which advanced on buying engendered by the international situation.

#### WALL STREET

Wall Street was easy and then turned firmer.

In common with the Stock Exchange, other sections in the City are of opinion that the latest developments in the international situation call for calm reconsideration.

The traditional calm, however, was not fully shared by certain continental centres, which was reflected in both the foreign exchanges and the gold markets.

The recent rather heavy demand for American dollars from the Continent was accentuated in the morning, but the British Exchange Fund kept a firm grip on the Sterling-Dollar rate at 4.6812.—Reuter.

### RIBBENTROP IN BERLIN A FEW HOURS

Berlin, To-day.

Von Ribbentrop, who left Salzburg by special plane on Tuesday afternoon, arrived at Tempelhof at 6 p.m.

He stayed in Berlin only a few hours, in order to make technical preparations for his visit to Moscow, and left late in the evening by the Fuehrer's own new special four-engined Focke-Wulf "Condor" plan, for Koenigsberg, where he is spending the night.

This morning, he will continue the journey to Moscow, where he will arrive approximately at noon.

The machine is being piloted by Captain Baur, Hitler's personal air pilot. A second machine of the same type, accompanying the Foreign Minister's plane, will carry high officials of the German Foreign Office, including the Chief of Protocol, Baron Doernberg, and Dr. Schaurre, Chief of the East European Department of the German Foreign Office, who concluded the German-Russian economic negotiations in Moscow.—Trans-Ocean.

### HONG KONG CENSORSHIP MYSTERY DEEPENS

The activities of the Censors of Chinese Newspapers in Hong Kong grow more and more puzzling.

Attention has already been drawn by the "China Mail" to action in connection with a reasoned leading article in the "Star," which was censored.

While the "China Mail" is, in principle, opposed to censorship, it is of the opinion that if censorship is, in fact, imposed, it should be imposed fairly. The censor looks after both the Chinese press and the Chinese section of the "Hong Kong Nippo," Japanese-owned organ. He uses different principles of censorship, however.

For instance, any "Down with Britain" articles or photographs in the Chinese press—even a mild protest at the decision to hand over the Tientsin suspects—is or would be blue-pencilled out of existence.

This is apparently not the case with the Chinese section of the "Hong Kong Nippo," which today carries a large photograph of a "Down with Britain" poster over a gateway.

Whether or not the Chinese newspapers would print such tripe is beside the point. If the "Hong Kong Nippo" can print it, the Chinese press should be allowed similar freedom.

### SITUATION CLEARLY SERIOUS

Stockholm, To-day.

Before he left for Brussels to attend the Oslo Powers conference, Mr. R. Sandler, the Swedish Foreign Minister, emphasised that the international situation was clearly serious.

Mr. Sandler indicated that the basis of the Brussels discussions would be general interest of the participating countries in the maintenance of peace.

Their wish to make themselves independent of powerful groups in Europe, and

The necessity in time of tension to adopt a reserved and moderate attitude.—Reuter.

### BUZZ OF EXCITEMENT IN GERMANY

Berlin, To-day.

The Soviet-German pact is being discussed wherever people meet, in the streets and restaurants, in buses or railway stations.

That Herr von Ribbentrop is going to Moscow is considered remarkable, and it is thought in German circles to indicate the possibility of a complete change in the entire European situation.

The man in the street believes that the Democracies' policy has suffered a serious blow.—Trans-Ocean.

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# News Snack Bar

## "TIMID" GLIDER UP 14,000FT.

THOUGH HE DECLARES he is "a very timid man really," Mr. Philip Aubrey Wills, the British glider, set up a new record when he ascended 14,200ft. through a storm cloud.

Mr. Wills shot up the last 10,000ft. in fifteen minutes. Part of the time he was whirled up at a climbing speed beyond the capacity of any fighter plane. He made his flight from the grounds of the London Gliding Club at Dunstable, Beds.

## PRESENTED FROM COURT

From London police courts—  
Man at Tottenham: I ran up these debts through consuming more gas than I could stomach.  
Man at Bow-street: The trouble with creditors is that they all expect to be paid first.

Motorist at Wimbledon: I didn't open the car door suddenly. I opened it gradually, and the cyclist gradually hit it and gradually fell off.

Woman at Hammersmith: Once my husband's mind is made up there's no stopping him from thinking things.

"It was a bit frightening, really," said Wills. "It was extraordinarily rough. I never knew when the storm might rend me at a moment's notice. I had great difficulty in finding where I was and getting my way back, as I did not want to go into the storm again."

Mr. Wills also holds the British long-distance gliding record with a flight of 206 miles in six hours.

## Explosions Under

### Bank

Two charges of dynamite, each of 15lb, were exploded 500ft under the Bank of England. They were let down one of the wells, which is not giving the water supply expected, and exploded by electricity in the hopes of breaking up the chalk stratum and increasing the flow.

## Pocket Money For

### L.C.C. Inmates

Instead of tobacco and sweets allowances, L.C.C. inmates are to receive an allowance of 1s per week at an estimated additional expenditure of £8,150 a year.

## Drowned In

### Squall

A triple drowning tragedy occurred at Milford Haven, Pembrokeshire. The victims were Mrs. Winifred Bennett, Mrs. Annie Beatrice Riby, both of Shakespeare-avenue, and Thomas John McDougal, 22, a son of Mrs. Bennett by a former marriage. The women decided about midnight to go out in a boat to meet their husbands, trawler skippers, who were then due in harbour. They were accompanied by McDougal and it is presumed that their boat capsized in a squall.



Well over! A lady entrant at a recent English horse show puts her mount through its paces.

## Stable Lad

### Killed

C. Hall, a stable lad employed by Walter Earl, the New market trainer, died from injuries received when a horse he was riding reared up and fell on him.

## New Brooklands

### Record

Noel Pope, a Tank Corps subaltern, of Surbiton, Surrey, broke the Brooklands motor-cycle lap record of 123.58 miles an hour with a speed of 124.51 miles an hour.

## Honest Passengers

"Honesty boxes" on Bournemouth buses, in which passengers who have been missed by conductors drop their fares, "collected" £181 last year, equal to 43,440 penny fares.

A German Focke-Wulf plane of the Condor type flew 5,000 miles from Berlin to Natal, Brazil, in 31hr. 51min.

## Sports Meeting

### At Dawn

Ten Folkestone hotel sent 100 competitors to the annual hotel staffs athletic meeting which was held between dawn and 7 a.m. so that cooks, waiters and waitresses could return in time to serve breakfast to guests. A 16-year-old English boy, John Atkin Higgins, was killed while motor-cycling near Gyoer, in Hungary.

## Government

### Orders Burnt

When a four-storey building of the B.S.A. Company at Birmingham was damaged by fire, records of Government orders for contracts were destroyed.

The new 10,000-ton German cruiser Luetzow was launched at Bremen.

The first trans-Atlantic flight by a seaplane of the American Company, Export Air Lines, was completed when one of their machines alighted at Marseilles from Lisbon.

Hundreds of Belgian inhabitants of Eupen and Malmady, formerly part of Germany, have been engaged for work on the German fortifications between Aachen and the Belgian frontier.

Soldiers and police who have been systematically combing out Arab villages in Palestine are gradually bringing about the disarmament of Arab civilians.

A further boatload of Czech refugees has left Gdynia for Sweden and Britain, bringing the number of refugees which have passed through that port during the last few months up to 10,000.

By order of King Leopold, the Belgian Defence Minister, Gen. Denis planned the cross of the Knight of the order of Leopold on the German flag.

## Sweets Factory

### Ablaze

The confectionery factory of Nectar Ltd., in Purley-place, Islington Park-street, N., was seriously damaged by fire before staff had arrived to begin work for the day.

## National Trust

### Buys Village

Most of the village of Chiddingstone, Kent, including an inn, a row of small houses built in Tudor times, and the village institute has been bought by the National Trust.

## Polish Stork Seen

One of the six Polish storks recently released from Haslemere Educational Museum, Surrey, has been seen by an omnibus driver in a field near Beechingstone, five miles from Devizes, Wiltshire.

Forty-one people charged with conspiracy against the Government were sentenced in Lisbon.

Eight people, including an Army officer, have been arrested at Liege, Belgium, for alleged complicity in an espionage plot.

The first graduates of Egypt's new military college left Alexandria for England, where they will be guests of the British Army.

The last book written by Gabriele d'Annunzio, "Solus ad Solam," published after his death last year, has been put on the Index by the Vatican.

All Italian trains stopped for one minute as a mark of tribute to Count Costanzo Ciano, father of the Foreign Minister and former Minister of Communications, who was buried at Leghorn.

M. Henri Farman, the first man to fly from one town to another, was present at the unveiling of a monument at Mourmelon-le-Grand, in North France, from where he took off for Rheims, 17½ miles away, in 1908.



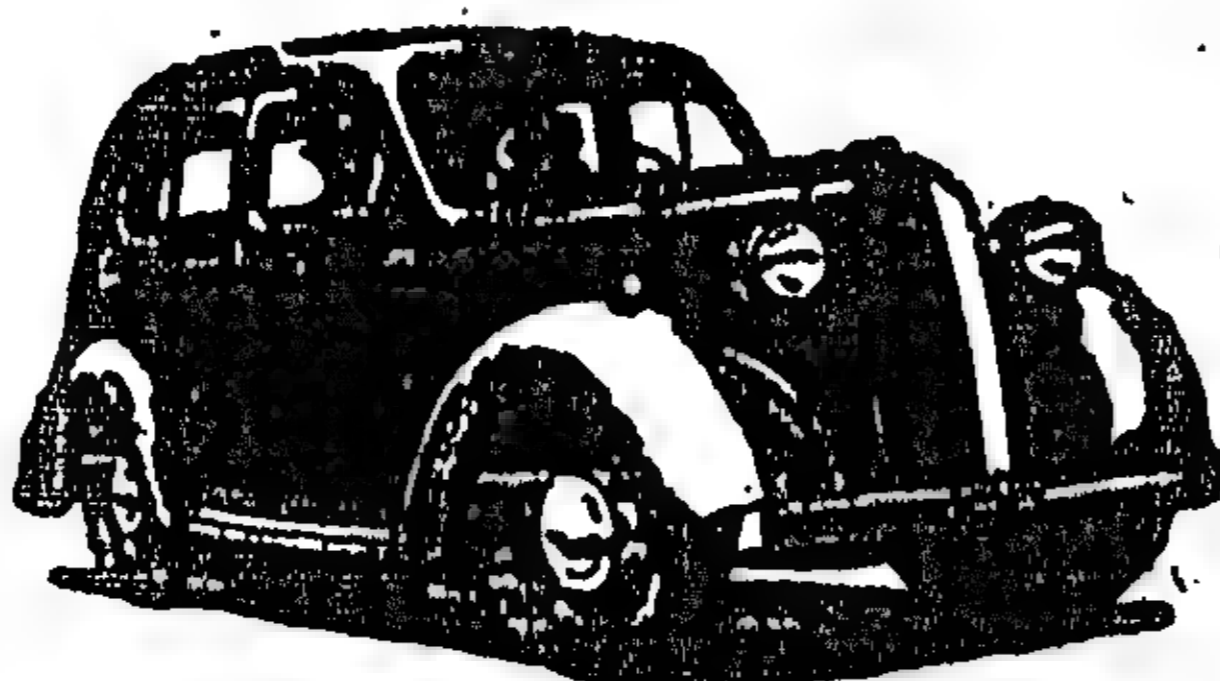
LORRY BURNED OUT AFTER LOSING WHEEL. — A lorry loaded with fruit and vegetables was burned out whilst on the Guildford Road near Ripley, Surrey. A wheel came off the vehicle, which overturned and burst into flames. Popping motorists halted the load of fruit and vegetables. Driver was taken to hospital, suffering from shock.

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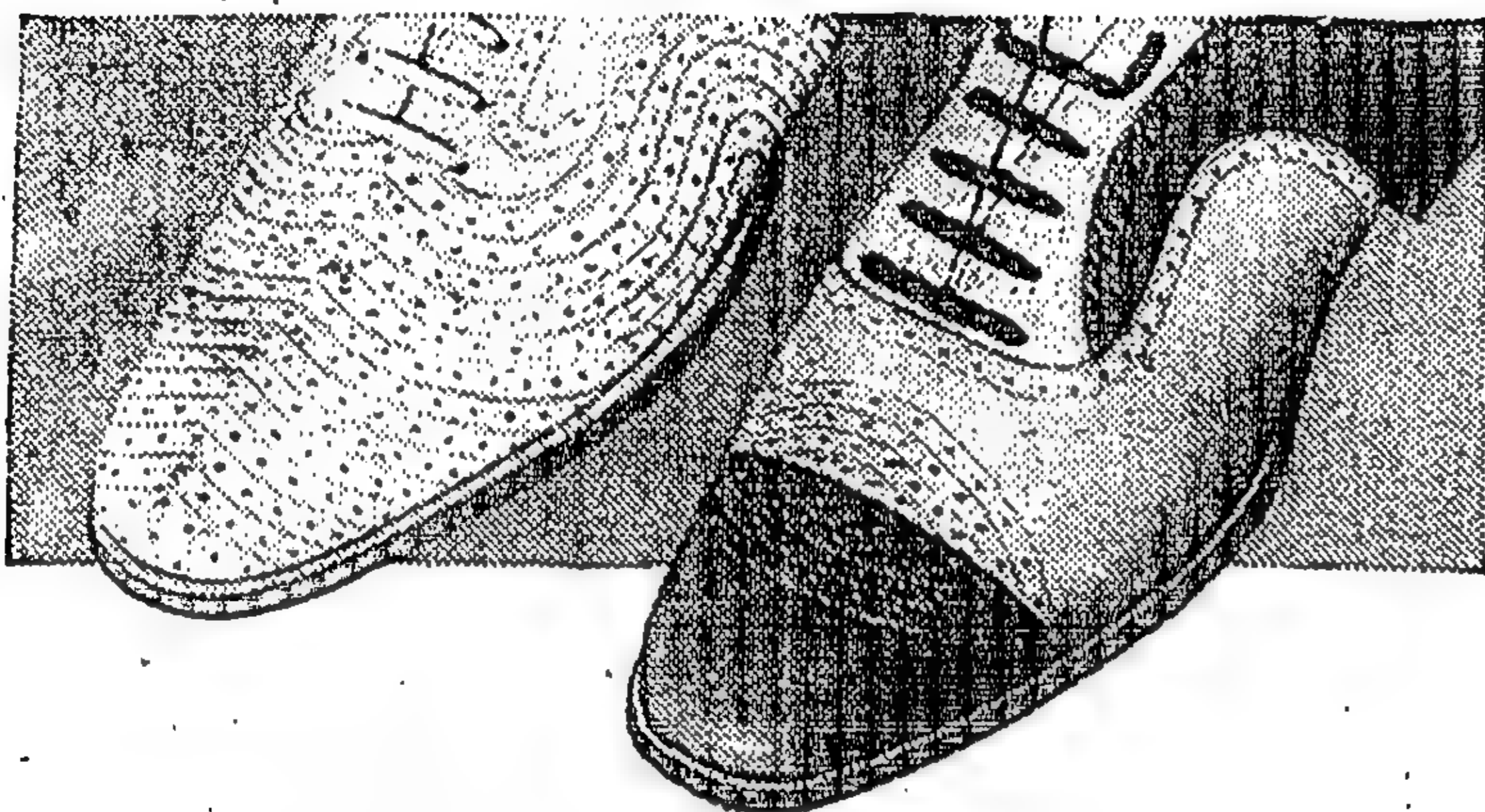
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# CHINA'S NEWLY FOU

**AT** a period when everybody in the Occident is feeling, or accusing the other man of feeling, extreme nervousness, it pleases me to recall the calm atmosphere of a conversation which I had only a few weeks ago with Gen. Chiang Kai-shek and his wife at their capital, Chungking.

They told me with every appearance of coolness and conviction that they expected to win their long struggle in the end, and with their forces intact.

### BOGGED IN THE YANGTSE VALLEY

It astounded me to find so basic a self-assurance in a town like Chungking; once a minor Chinese city on the broken and mist-laden country above the banks of the Yangtse, where even to-day the visitor to Government offices must be carried from building to building, along grassy paths, in a chair; and which, in May, had to stand the most terrible bombing raids in modern history. Yet neither the town nor its rulers had lost a jot of confidence.

Philosophically they had profited by the horror of that experience. Their defensive preparations against the next raid were so good that they lost only nine dead and brought down two Japanese aircraft within sight of their intended victims.

Their confidence was better founded, I thought, than that of any of the defensive organisations which I

had known in the recent past; they showed neither the ignorance of the Abyssinian nor the care-free discipline of the Spanish Republican. They were working full pressure, yet they had time to draw conclusions from the failure of their enemy to advance after the capture of Canton and Hankow; for that is the summing-up of the present position in the Sino-Japanese war—that for all their superiority in material and martial experience the invaders are bogged in the Yangtse valley below the gorges.

### SAVED BY THEIR GUERRILLA TACTICS

Though they support about 1,000,000 troops in China proper and another 1,000,000 equally divided between Manchukuo and the organised reserve in Japan, they have made no progress in the past six months either beyond their lines or behind them. Why?

Much has been made of the enormous length of the lines that the Japanese Army must protect. But the 2,000 miles that is the lowest computation of their China front is only the beginning of their defensive com-

mitments.

In Chungking some precision the guerilla infiltration "line." Not only dominated by the along the Yangtse communications, are safest), but smaller towns in panese-controlled green with green outwards. This been recaptured by tionalists and, wha centres of the Na tration connected wireless with the

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The world outside knows that Czechoslovakia has disappeared and that in its place there exists what has been described as the Protectorate of Bohemia-Moravia, over which a Protector rules as the personal representative of the German Reich Chancellor and Fuehrer.

This new situation began on March 15 last when the German troops occupied the country. It startled the world, because it was so patent a breach of all that Adolf Hitler and his close associates had publicly declared. It clearly revealed that National Socialist foreign policy had set its course toward an imperialism, which would achieve its end at whatever costs.

Nowadays, less than three months after the military occupation, there is all-too-reliable evidence that the Germans are out to run this territory as if it were merely a part of the Third Reich. The goal is the absolute uniformity of the Czechs on a National Socialist basis, with the Germans playing the part of the overlord in the grand manner which most civilized people had begun to think was a thing of the past in Europe.

The first evidence that this is a protectorate of the Third Reich is conveyed to the foreigner when he attempts to enter the country. Formerly, the Czechoslovak, upon the presentation of a proper passport, would issue a visa. But now the prospective visitor is questioned in such a way as to indicate that he would do better to travel elsewhere. For Czechs, it is a long, tedious process to obtain the necessary papers for leaving the country, and they consider themselves fortunate if they

get out at all.

But once in Prague, what a different city presents itself to the person who knew it in earlier days! The buildings remain. The Hradcany still stands out magnificently above the Vltava, the Charles Bridge, the Old Town Square, and the charming baroque palaces of the Mala Strand have not lost their ancient beauty.

But the real Prague—that which constitutes the life and atmosphere of this city—is being crushed. Formerly, one came here for a breath of democratic air after a sojourn in totalitarian states, to an island of freedom in which European literature was still to be obtained and where fundamental issues could be openly discussed.

To-day, Prague is as much a German city as force can make it. Now, there are only the whisperings round cafe tables or in private homes, the fears of arrest by the Gestapo (secret police), and the heavy hand of political and racial reaction everywhere.

The new political orientation began last September, after the Munich Agreement. It had developed to such a degree before March 15 that there were but two parties in Parliament and only one of these—the so-called

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## Czech Life Under Nazi Protector

### Bringing Up Father

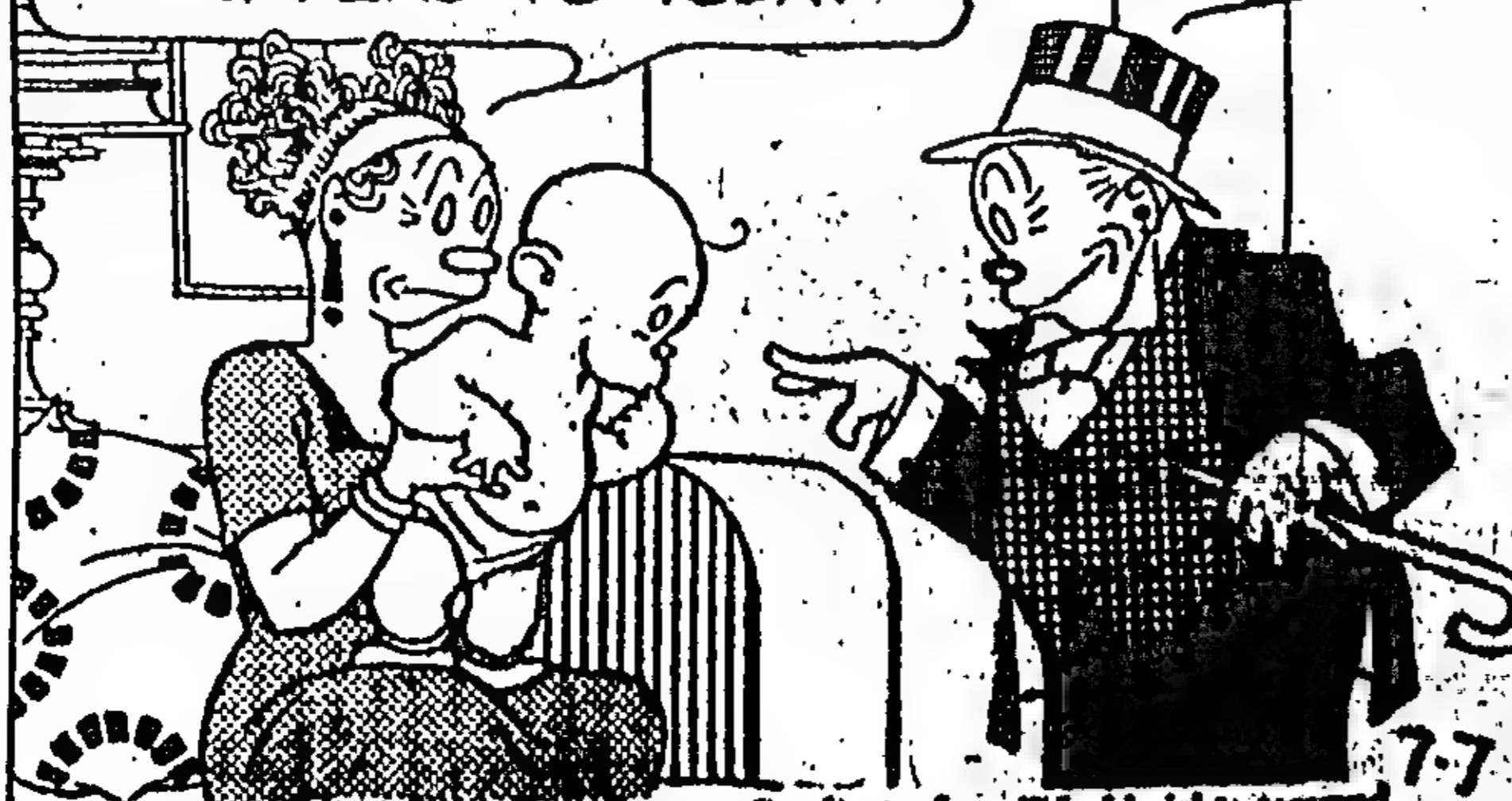
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# IND WAR MATERIALS

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## THE ORIENTAL POLICY OF "SQUEEZE"

Maps show with extent of Chinese behind the official the countryside groups (even where Japanese being water-borne, frequently sees the middle of "Jap-areas" circled in arrows pointing to the Chinese Na-slime. Guerilla operations are more, are now ported by the Chinese national cur-onalist Adminis-ency, in which the peasant prefers to trade, and proof positive of the power which this gives to the guerill-aign that suc-las can be found in the attack levell-anking has been, ed again "British support" of the cur- of China. It has rency of the militarists of Tientsin own the ratio of and Tokyo.

war losses from ed during the last year at the more g estimates them subtle Oriental warfare of persuasion he other hand, it and "squeeze". Despite the Lawren-og of the cost of tian reputation of Gen. Doihara and a raising of (something of a "back-number" to- or China need no day), they have been unable to get heavier weapons, any Chinese of repute beside Wang and Japan must Ching-wei to support their puppet men to fight a Governments in North and Central ar. The melan- China. Their marionettes are a set s who bear the of notorious scallywags representing ous operations is none but themselves; even Wu Pei- captured letter fu, no particular friend of the Kuo- ungking, and in mintang but an accomplished barome- of suicide (al- lured from his retirement on their be- half.)

No wonder, then, that land control as well as the marine blockade of the China coast is so weak that the Gov-ernment in Chungking is still able to smuggle a great part of its petrol supplies up from the China Sea, and seems at no time to have lacked for fuel.

## LINKS WITH THE OUTSIDE WORLD

I have before me as I write a map of the workable minerals that, under the quickening pace of events, have been found and opened to develop-ment in the last year; gold and silver, iron, tungsten, asbestos, tin, mangan-ese, copper figure among them. China's links with the outer world, the Bur- ma and Indo-China roads and the Yunnan railway, are not yet perfect; but the last, though of only a one- metre gauge, is already carrying 14, 000 tons a month and is working up to 20,000 tons; and together with the more sketchy route to Russia they appear to provide China with a wealth of war material (infantry munitions being manufactured on the spot).

As a backing to the Chinese Gov-ernment, a compact and physically efficient mass of 150,000,000 South- Western Chinese must provide an also efficient, but copybook, army like the Japanese with an enormous num-ber of military problems which they have never been trained to face. Their set battles in the plains have been easy going; the occupation of the ports have long lain in black and white and blue and red in the files of the Naval Ministry.

But they never expected that they would have to pursue a disciplined and large Chinese army into such broken country and shallower waters, where the heavy guns of fleet and land could not follow and the closed and orderly front was a thing of the past. More, they have been unable even to settle upon a suitable "zero hour."

and books from the democratic coun-tries which were considered anti- German have been banned. Many of the Czech classics are now for- bidden in school libraries and book- shops because of their nationalist tendencies.

There are only about 60,000 Ger- mans in Prague, yet their cultural needs must be catered for in three theatres. The last of these to be taken over is the famous Stavovske Divadlo (Estates Theatre), which was an annex of the Czech National Theatre, and of particular historical significance to musicians, since Mozart's opera, "Don Giovanni," was first performed here in October, 1787. The financial upkeep of these theat- res will have to be borne by public funds, which means that the Czechs will be taxed to pay for encouraging German culture at the expense of their own. The strenuous efforts which are also being made to con- trol all branches of public education from the university downward is quite contrary to the cultural autonomy which was promised to the Czechs less than three months ago.

In the economic field, the Ger- manization of industry has proceeded at a tremendous pace. Aryanization in reality means Germanization, since the business taken from Jews are rarely allowed to find their way into Czech hands.

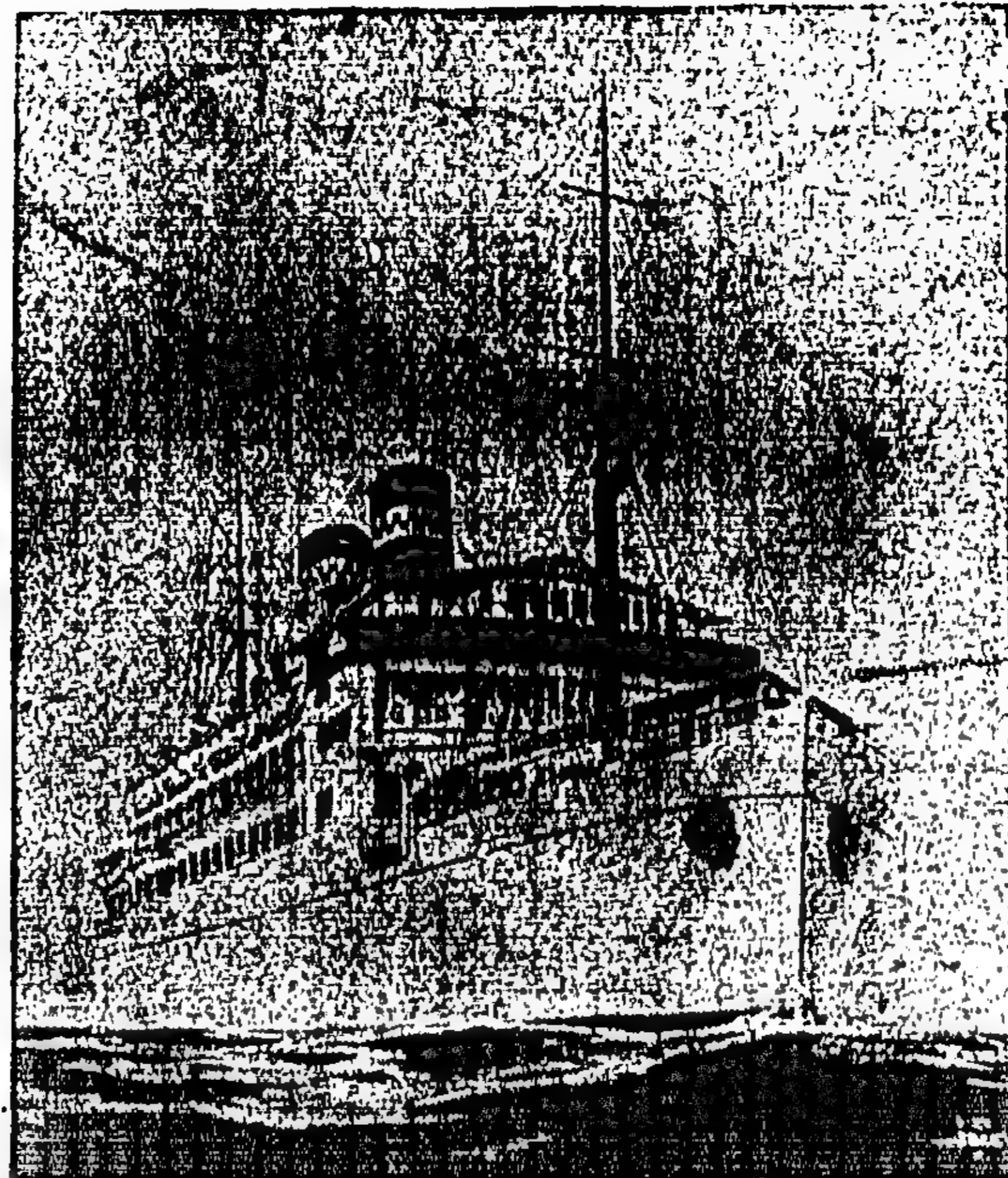
The Czechs are naturally despon- dent, but they have not surrendered with Czech; their hopes. In fact, they con- ceal street signs fidently believe that a change must come, and are determined that whe- ther it comes in one generation or 20, they will not surrender their national ers, periodicals, heritage.

By George McManus



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# STREAMLINED FIGURES

## Symmetrical Legs

By DONALD LOOMIS

Jean Chatburn here illustrates an exercise for acquiring a lovely pair of legs.

She could do this by supporting herself in a door way, holding on to either side while she slanted her body as far as possible, but I am supporting her by the shoulders so that you can see the position.

She alternately lowers and raises her toes from the floor. As she does this she feels the pull all the way up her leg.

Because skirts are so much shorter and because girls go in for shorts almost universally, a streamlined leg is becoming more and more important.

A number of the stars who come to me enjoy riding bicycles, and this sport I recommend to them if they need to reduce, for it will tear down fat at a good rate. It is also an excellent exercise for weak or stiff ankles or fallen arches. Press the pedal on the ball of the foot, very firmly, to get the best results.

If you do not own a bicycle, don't despair. All you need do is pretend you have one and use the bicycle exercise, with which you may be familiar.

Lie flat on your back on the floor, raise your legs up into the air until your weight rests on the upper part of your back, support your waist with your hands and rotate your legs in the air as if you were riding a bicycle, keeping your thighs as close together as possible.

Fat legs are a detriment to any girl who has screen ambitions, but I do

not believe that skinny legs are any less desirable. Both need to be remodelled.

Sometimes girls are so thin that nothing they eat seems to feed them. This is because they do not live intelligently. They may eat heavily, but the glands of the small intestines are not functioning properly so they get no nourishment. The reason for



Mr. Loomis is physical director of the stars at Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer Studios. He has charge of such stars as Joan Crawford, Jeanette MacDonald, Jean Harlow, Norma Shearer, Robert Taylor, Clark Gable and Robert Montgomery.

this is that they live at a nervous tension.

They never walk. If they are going two blocks they get out the car, or they take a bus. They never drink water. They worry all the time about something, and the nerves of the abdomen tighten so that they can't digest their food.

Remember to walk whenever you can. Drink six or eight glasses of water every day. Make your mind obey you; drag it off the nagging worry and put it on something pleasant, even if that pleasant thing is just the weather or the colour in a cloud. Relax mentally and you will physically. Then you will begin to rebuild your health and your figure. Your food will nourish you, and you will feel like living.

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## What The Stars Foretell

By MARY BLAKE

You were born under the Zodiacal sign "Virgo." People who are born while the sun is in Virgo are usually inclined to be diffident, rather studious, and capable of doing a great deal of constructive thinking. Thriftiness is generally one of their outstanding virtues. Nervous energy, more than physical brawn, makes the average child of Virgo a tireless worker. Generally walking encyclopedias, family and friends frequently keep them busy supplying them with information. Possessing exceptional good business judgment, whatever they do is usually thoroughly practical. If born on this date you ought to have a fluent tongue, when once you get started on a subject. Your birthstones are the chrysolite, and Pink Jasper. Wednesday is likely to be your luckiest day in the week. Azaleas, morning glory and lavender are among the flowers that are your natural affinities. Married and engaged couples and those whose engagement announcement is only a matter of time, must bear in mind that love, to be enduring, must have as an inspiration, loyal devotion and a strict regard for moral obligations.

If a woman and August 23 is your birthday, you are probably very sociable and amiable. Your agreeable manners are likely to win many admirers. You ought to have excellent control over your temper and possess the gift of making people laugh when they may be inclined to cry. You probably give great amount of thought to what you are going to eat and wear. Yellow, is a colour to which you may be decidedly partial. Work involving the handling of food, preparation of formulas, teaching, writing, acting, or selling, may be the best kind for you to engage in. Your matrimonial future will work out satisfactorily if you and your husband co-operate and face your problems together.

The child born on August 23 may be quietly inquisitive. The spirit of children born on this date is easily broken, so considerable patience and tact may be needed to handle them successfully. With the proper amount of care, love and training, Virgo youngsters are frequently among the world's most successful men and women.

# Relaxing Tired Body

By PATRICIA LINDSAY

If during the day, or at the end of the day, every muscle in your body seems to ache, try lying on the floor for relaxation!

Spread a sheet or a blanket and lie on it, back flat to the floor. Stretch your arms overhead, hands clasped together, and push your feet downward, heels leading. Then you will yawn, and take time to yawn leisurely. Stretch again.

After a second or two of relaxing bring your arms down to shoulder level, palms downward on the floor. Stretch again as if you were trying to grow taller and be sure your heels lead downward instead of your toes! While you are in this stretched position, try to make the small of your back touch the floor (shoulders must be kept still). Relax. Push your abdomen up. Relax. Push the small of your back toward the floor again. Repeat this upward and downward action of your midriff for ten or fifteen times. Then relax thoroughly and stay on the floor for ten minutes, drowsing if you can, covered by part of the sheet or blanket.

You will be surprised how this simple exercise will relieve household aches or those our business occupations cause.

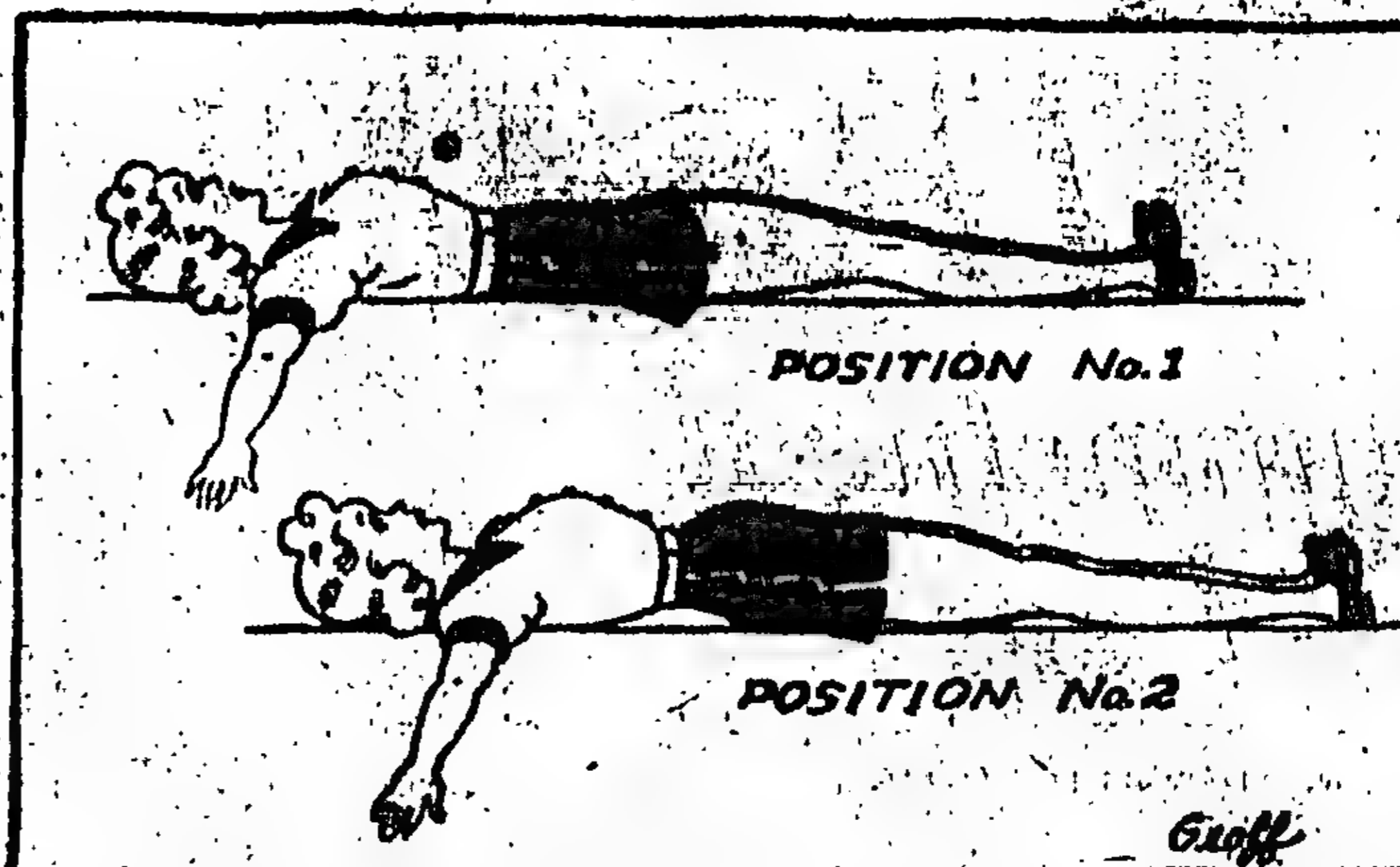
## HARD MATTRESS BETTER

If you constantly have back aches, or a weak spine, you should sleep on a hard mattress, rather than a softer one which will mould to every curve of your body. Many people with acute back trouble are advised by physicians to put planks crosswise under their mattresses to prevent the mattresses from sinking with the weight of the body. A well tufted hair mattress is far better for your

beauty than those lovely feather mattresses in which you may sink inches!

## TAKE FREQUENT REST PERIODS

If you are in your home or where you can do so, take frequent brief rest periods. Typists, office workers, housewives and many factory hands would greatly benefit if they would stop every two hours for about five minutes of rest. And if you could get down on the floor and go through the exercises described above, you would be greatly cheered by the renewed energy you would have. And you wouldn't finish your day feeling like "something the cat dragged in!"



A grand relaxing exercise.

# How's Your Hair?

## Use of Colour

By HELEN HUNT



Here is a coiffure with a centre part—wave short on either side. Then another wave from either ear upward to centre wave. At the back of each of these waves start pin curls upward and continue on around the back of head with two rows. Through the centre of the top make rolls over paper rollers from the end of the centre part through on to the two rows of pin curls in the back.

To-day, no girl need have dish-water-coloured hair. Remember how many people used to worry along with mousy-looking locks, dull, streaky hair that blotted out their personalities?

Drab hair isn't attractive at any time, and it fades the nicest girl into the background.

There are many hair-colourings made to-day that are not harmful to the hair. They have an oil base and merely add a touch of colour that brightens the hair and makes all the difference to a girl's appearance. I even use a brightener on my 14-year-old daughter's hair to add a faint touch of auburn to her locks.

Iris Meredith had ash-blonde hair, which photographed on the screen as if it were gray. I used peroxide to lighten it, then added henna to brighten that, and now it is the colour of a new penny and catches all the wanted highlights for the camera.

Very few people are fortunate enough not to need colour in their hair, and some of the new preparations supply oil which acts as a treatment and beautifies it.

This is another of a series of articles on hair styling, a most important subject to all women. The series is written by Helen Hunt, famous Hollywood hair stylist and head of the hair-dressing department of Columbia Studios.

## TO-DAY'S COMMANDMENT

If you have a low hairline and you feel that you do not have a high enough forehead, try soft, high bangs that conceal the hairline.

Girls in pictures whose hair is very black or quite dark often use just a

little peroxide around the hairline, in order to catch highlights and prevent that dead look in their hair. This is flattering for street wear, too. It looks as if you had been out in the sun a lot and your hair had been a trifle sun-burned.

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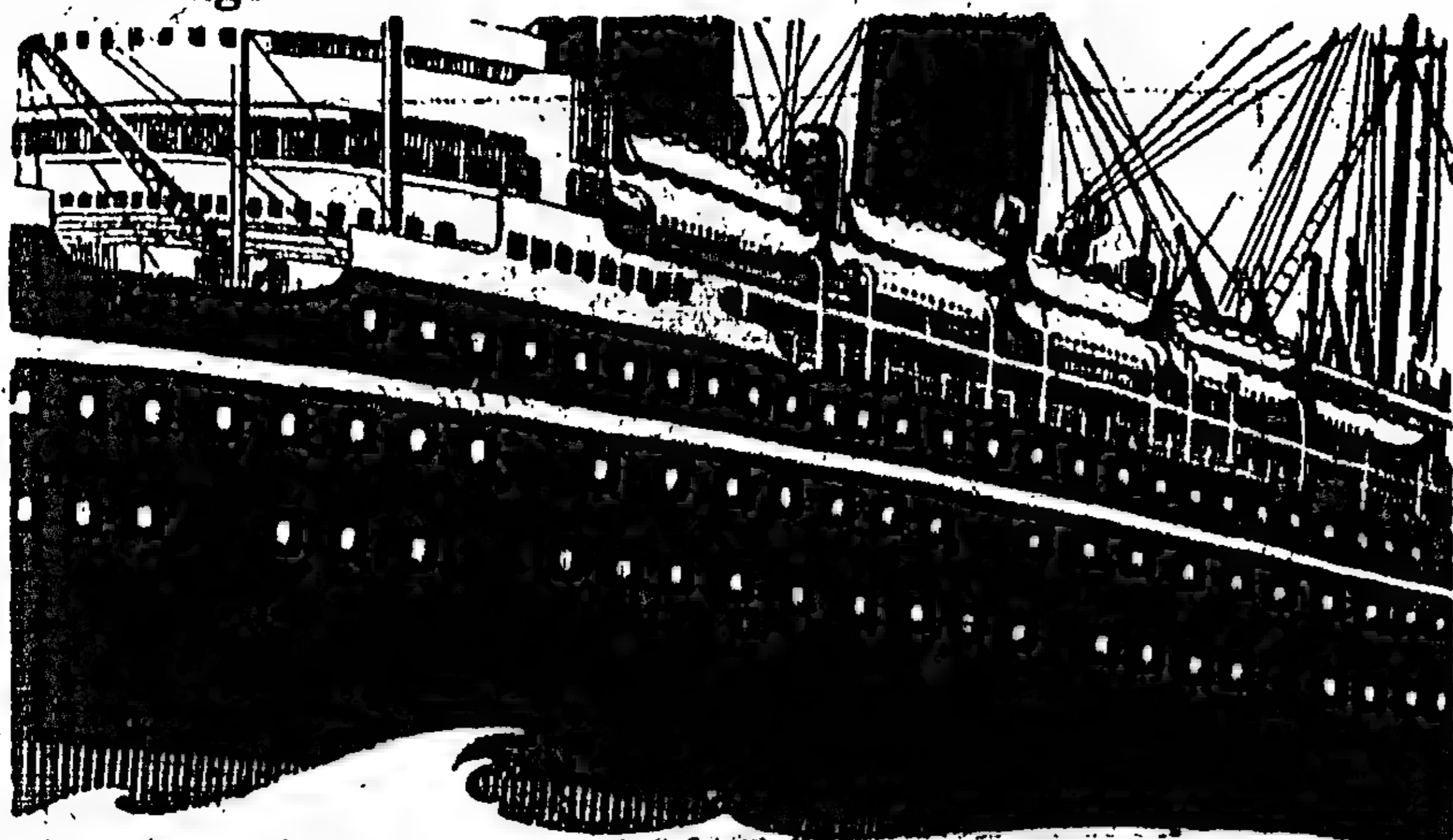
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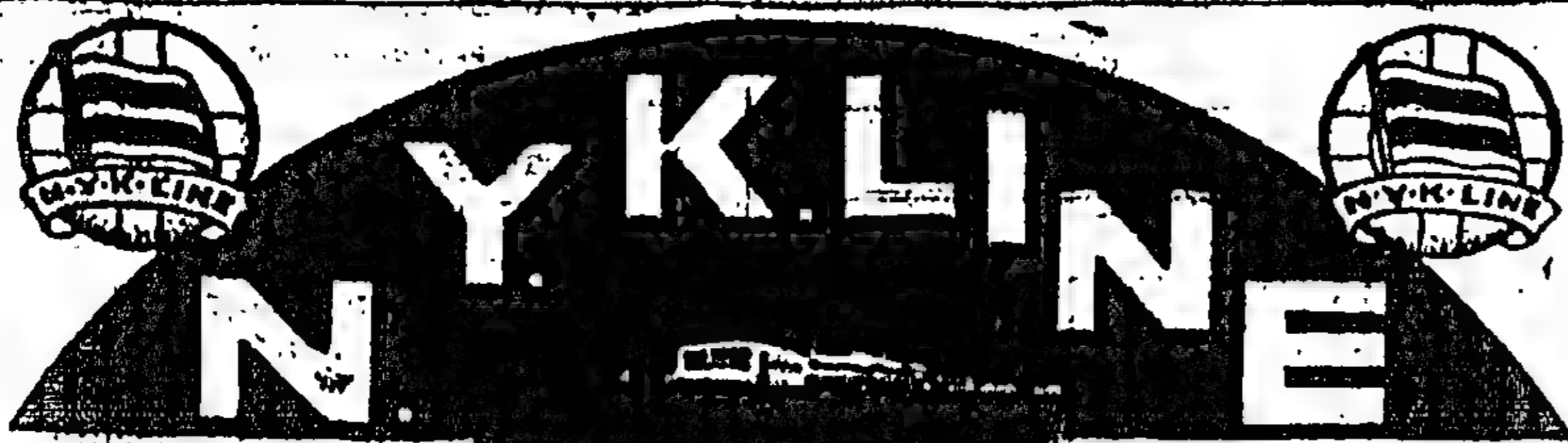
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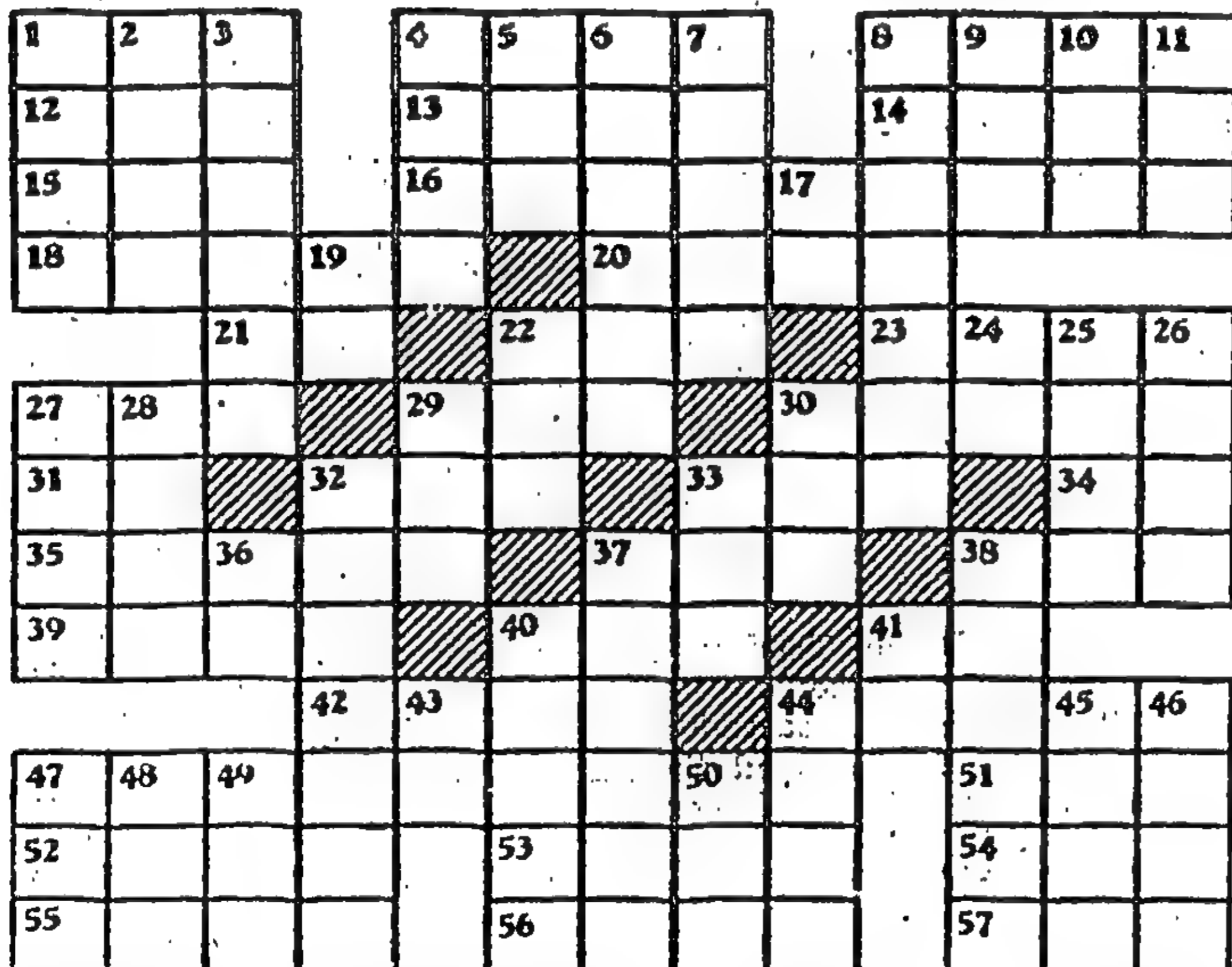
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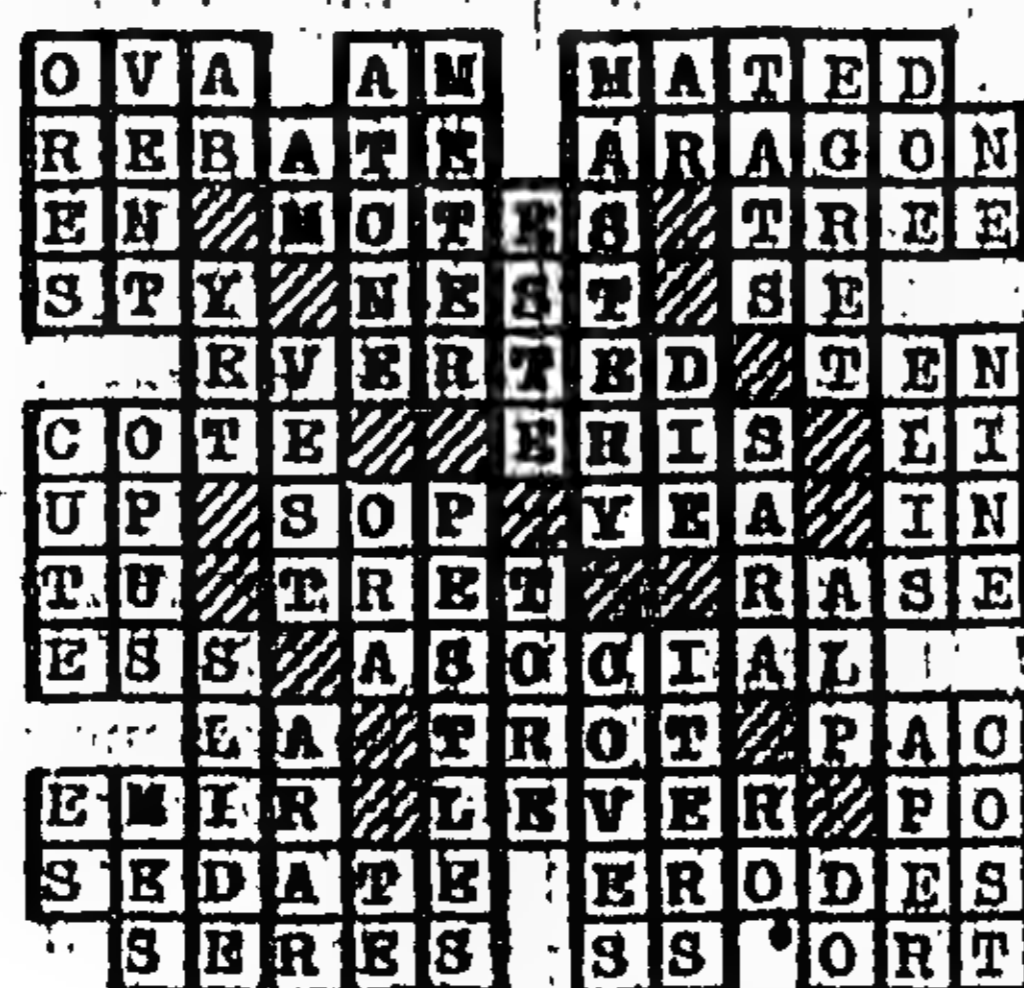
- 1 Small lump
- 4 To throw
- 8 Noisy play
- 12 Card
- 13 Beyond
- 14 Arrow
- 15 Wrath
- 16 Contingent
- 18 Bristles
- 20 Placed on mound
- 21 Chinese measure
- 22 Vehicle
- 23 Filmsy
- 27 Part of "to be"
- 29 Beverage
- 30 Purport
- 31 To run
- 32 Label
- 33 Offer
- 34 Preposition
- 35 Precinct
- 37 Small drink
- 38 To stitch
- 39 To appear
- 40 Container
- 41 French conjunction
- 42 Vessel
- 44 To plait

**VERTICAL**

- 1 Platform
- 2 Land measure
- 3 Insect
- 4 Set of rules
- 5 Hall
- 6 Dividing wall
- 7 Large plants

**8 Filled with holes**

- 9 Number
- 10 Humans
- 11 Favourite
- 17 Compass point
- 19 Sloth
- 22 Insect
- 24 Preposition
- 25 Speck
- 26 Stem of ship
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- 32 Building woods
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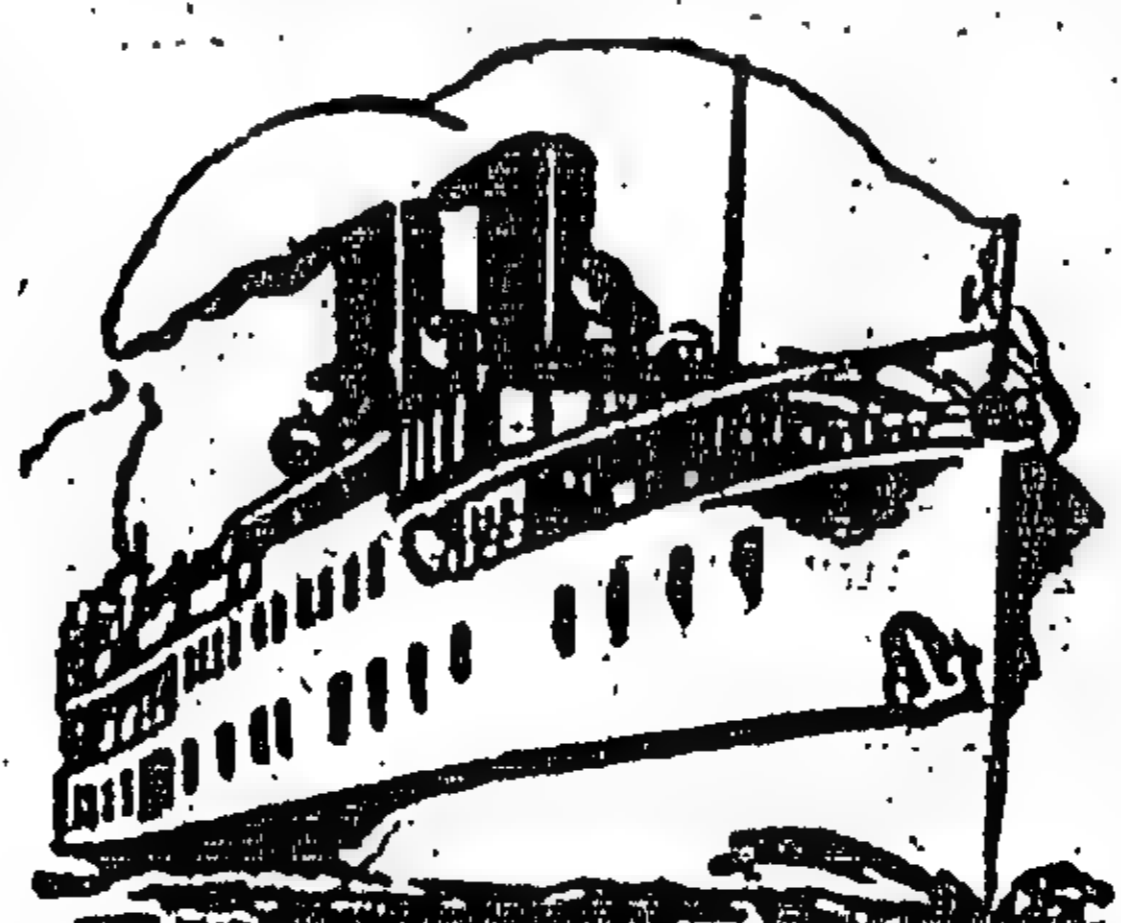
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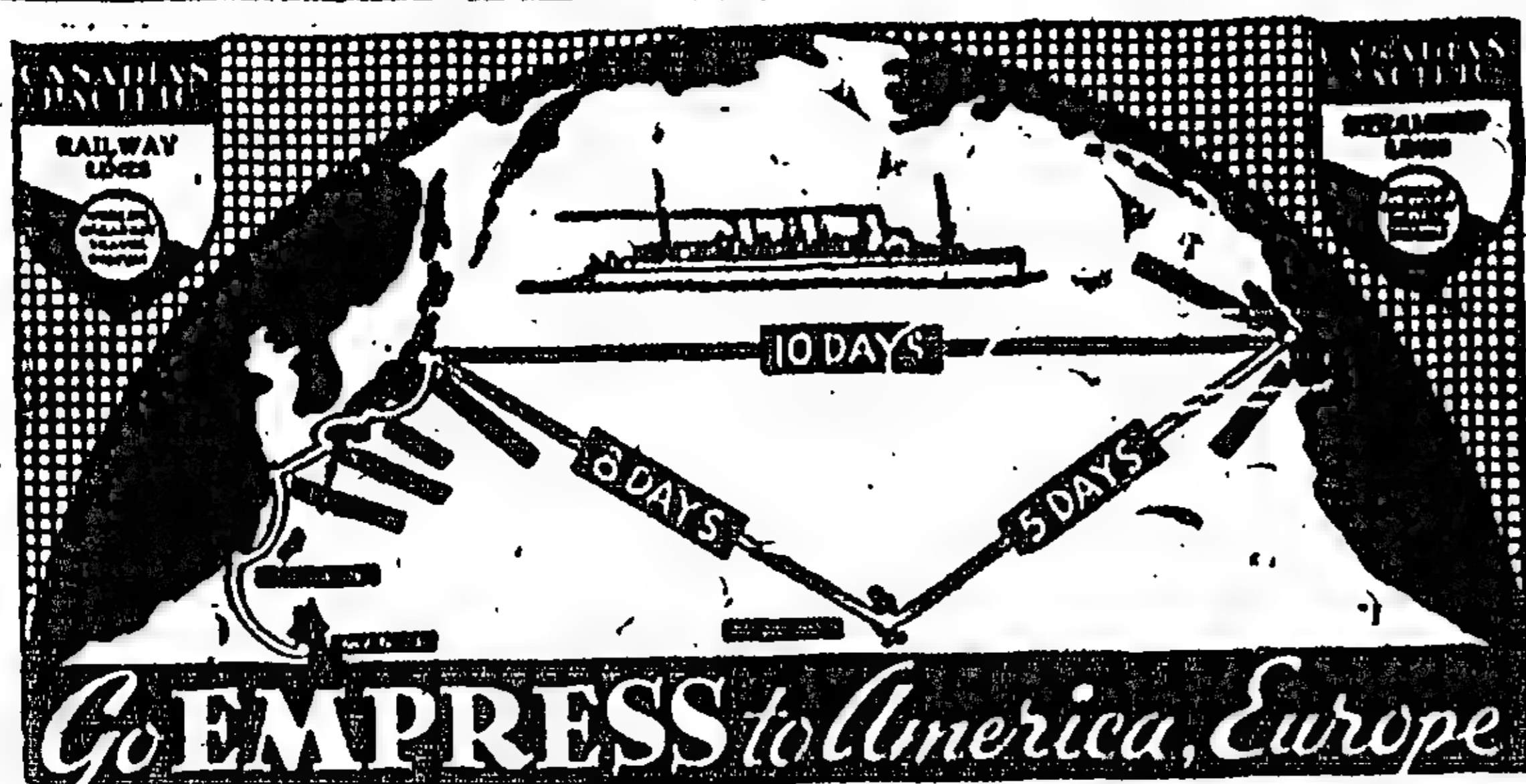
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## GUN BATTLE CASE ENDS

## AUTHORITIES TO BREAK RICE RACKET

It is reported by a reliable Chinese source having close connections with official circles that the Shanghai Municipal Council has already placed an order for 100,000 bags of foreign rice for Shanghai's consumption in order to offset the manipulation by big purchasers of the grain who keep on storing it to await better prices, which condition has caused prices to soar to an unprecedented scale, writes the "North China Daily News."

The first consignment of 18,000 bags is said to be expected to arrive in Shanghai on September 2.

## BERLIN'S TWO VOICES

Foreign journalists in Berlin are working under difficulty in their reports of the German attitude to the Danzig question because as soon as one official spokesman issues a statement another spokesman or minister promptly denies and pours scorn on it.

A statement issued by a Government spokesman "on the highest authority," was that Germany stood by its demand for the unconditional return of Danzig, but that the Fuehrer did not consider the question a *casus belli*.

Scarcely had this communique been reported in the foreign Press than the official German News Agency expressed great surprise at the "sensational" manner in which it had been published.

It is clear that two official German sources—the Foreign Office and the Propaganda Ministry—are trying to put conflicting views before the world.

One, apparently, wishes the world to be reassured; the other is not anxious to disturb the general uncertainty or to give any assurances.

## CIANO ACTIVE

Rome, To-day.

Count Ciano yesterday received, for short talks, the Polish Ambassador, the Soviet Charge d'Affaires and the American Ambassador.—Trans-Ocean.

Unanimous verdicts of guilty were this morning returned against both accused in connection with the robbery at No. 449, Shanghai Street on May 30 and the attempted shooting of Sergeant Pope and Detective Ho Fook.

The defendants were Tsang Sang, Lai Yau and Yau Sang. The last had pleaded guilty.

Tsang Sang was charged with shooting with intent to murder Sergeant Pope and with shooting to main, disfigure or disable the Sergeant, or in order to evade lawful arrest. He was also charged with possession of a Mauser pistol and 62 rounds of ammunition.

Lai Yau was charged with possession of an automatic Colt pistol and 45 rounds of ammunition in addition to the robbery charge, and with shooting with intent to murder Detective Ho Fook and with shooting with intent to main disable, disfigure or evade lawful arrest.

The Jurors were Messrs. F. Connolly, (foreman), Chan King, Chung King-kun, Yap Fui-sin, Tso Yin-kin, Loo Suen-ming and L. B. Chuey.

## STATEMENT CHALLENGED

The crown's case was conducted by Mr. J. B. Prentiss, assisted by Chief Inspector A. E. Carey.

This morning, after evidence by the interpreter defendants stated that the statements they signed were not the ones read out.

Tsang Sum said he never had a gun and therefore could not have shot at the Police.

He said witnesses at the identification parade were telling untruths, and the same was true about the Police. They did not tell the whole truth but only part and then made up the rest of the story.

Cross-examined by Mr. Prentiss, defendant agreed that he had stated in lower court that they had planned a robbery in Shun Chun. There were 11 persons in the gang. The idea of the robbers was to rob Yau-mat goldsmiths and money changers when there were few people in the shops and when the Police were not there. If chased by the police the robbers were to fire in the air if further hard pressed were to discard their arms.

No special shop was intended but the robbers were to act when the opportunity arose. He did not take part in any robbery.

## NEVER HAD REVOLVER

Lau Yau, the second defendant, said that he had been alleged to have taken part in the robbery but no gold articles were found on him. He never had a revolver and therefore could not have fired at the Police.

He was on his way to visit his mother at Lyeemun. He was walking near Argyle Street. He heard shots being fired and got frightened and started walking away. More shots were heard, and he took the narrow path to the hills. He was arrested by Police at the bottom of the hill and then brought back to a crevice between rocks where some arms were produced.

## SUMMING-UP

Summing up, His Lordship said that if the jury could believe in the face of the enormous volume of evidence by the prosecution, the defendant's story they could do nothing but discharge them. The accused had stated that the charges against them had been framed but the prosecution had brought evidence that fitted in with every part of the case.

On the charge of shooting His Lordship said the jury must be satisfied that the defendants had the intention of murdering the police officers, or that they intended to injure or main the officers for as to evade lawful arrest that is to frighten them continuing their chase.

After the return of the jury the Chief Justice adjourned the court.

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## TO-DAY'S STRANGE STORY OF REAL PEOPLE

## THE BOY WHO VANISHED INTO THE SKY

By URSUS MAJOR

ON Christmas Eve, 1889, twenty guests were assembled at a party given by Thomas Lerch, a farmer of South Bend, Indiana. They were people of standing, including professional men and the local Methodist clergyman, Rev. Samuel Malleliu. In other words, they were of the class least likely to exaggerate the weird happenings to that eventful night.

The host of that most memorable Christmas celebration ever given in the community had a son, Oliver Lerch, an able and ambitious youth of 20 who had become his father's majordomo in attending to the chores about the farm.

At ten o'clock, while the holiday merriment was at its height, Oliver was asked to take a bucket and fetch water from the well, which was 75 yards back of the house. It was recalled that Oliver obeyed reluctantly, even sulkily, his demeanor suggesting that he was being imposed on.

Five minutes later, the hilarity at the Lerch farm was silenced by piercing screams issuing from the direction of the well.

"Oliver, where are you?" the father shouted, as members of the household lighted lanterns and rushed with them to the well. But to their amazement Oliver's voice answered from somewhere in the sky:

"Help! It's got me!"

This alarm he repeated over and over. Each time it was heard it seemed to issue from further and further above, as it sounded fainter and fainter.

From the time Oliver uttered his first alarm the lanterns of the searchers failed to reveal him. He dissolved like breath into the winter wind, leaving terrified and agape the group that a few moments before had known only hilarity and mirth.

The crowd immediately scattered to beat every bush, ransack every hole and cranny in the neighbourhood.

Police and detectives immediately called to the spot combed the country round. And chances of Oliver's or his possible captor's escape were far less possible in those horse and buggy days than in our present era of fast automobiles able to whisk a runaway or a kidnap victim from across several states in a few hours.

There, at the well, stood the bucket which Oliver had unwillingly set down beside it. It was the only evidence of the tragedy. Had he wished to desert the duty imposed by his parent, would he have screamed his dramatic appeal for delivery from whatever it was that "got" him?

The archives of Fort Wayne congiven. Such depositions were made by tain statements sworn to before a notary bearing out the facts as here Pastor Malleliu, by one Hirsh, a Chicago attorney, and other guests of equal responsibility.

Had Oliver been carried off by a

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His Piercing Screams Issued From The Sky

man would he not have cried out that "he" rather than "it" had "got" him. The fact that he used the pronoun "it" was accepted as proof that either a beast or an inanimate thing had carried him away. And as there were no tall trees or buildings from whose tops his voice could have come with its increasingly distant tones, it was supposed by some that he might have been caught up by the grapnel of a balloon; but check-ups failed to show any balloons in the sky on that wintry night; of course, there were no airplanes in 1889.

One theory offered was that Oliver had been seized and carried aloft in the talons of a flock of eagles. The one who offered it insisted, in contradiction of the other witnesses, that he had heard the youth finally cry out: "They've got me!" instead of "It's got me!"

But those really acquainted with the habits of eagles ridiculed this theory, knowing as they did that eagles fly neither in flocks nor at night. The eagle is a bird of solitary flight and it would be impossible for the largest ever known to lift from the ground a mature man.

The story of Oliver's disappearance as told by his father seemed so fantastic to unfriendly neighbours that all sorts of rumours soon flew about. The father was described by some as a self-righteous tyrant of the class who required even their grown children to address them as "Sir" and "Ma'am" who constantly policed them, cheeking the time of their goings out and comings in, the homes and other place they frequented, and the companions with whom they associated.

These rumours reached scandalmongers who broadcast the theory that Lerch Sr. was responsible for his son's disappearance and knew every well where he might be found. It was when some mischiefmakers even went

so far as to suggest that Thomas Lerch had done violence to his son that his pastor and other influential friends present at the fatal Christmas party went before a notary and made depositions corroborating the family's testimony.

As a last resort the father advertised far and wide for evidence as to the whereabouts of his son. The result was the usual grist of conflicting and heart-breaking reports. Oliver was located in nearly every state of the Union, in Canada and Latin-America. He had been seen as a member of the Texas rangers, as a bartender in New York, as a street-car conductor in Charleston, and so on ad infinitum.

What really became of Oliver Lerch remains one of the riddles of American history. From that night when his pitiful screams were heard descending from the black clouds above his father's well his whereabouts have remained a mystery to those who knew and loved him.

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## THE TEST MATCH

# Hutton And Hammond Smash Third-Wicket Record

*England's Skipper Tops Bradman's Total Test 100's*

## Match Left Drawn; Rubber Regained

LONDON, TO-DAY. — Featured by a record-breaking third wicket partnership between Len Hutton (165) and W. R. Hammond (138), the final Test match between England and West Indies concluded at the Oval yesterday in a draw.

IN ADDING 264 in 180 minutes, during which time England's skipper dominated the scoring, Hammond and Hutton bettered the figures for third wicket partnerships in any Tests and the former took his total number of centuries in any Test match to 22 thus beating Bradman's old mark of 21.

England, having secured a lead of 220 runs, declared with only 3 wickets down, but it being discovered that insufficient time had been left for West Indies to bat, the match was left drawn and England thus won the rubber.

### CONSTANTINE HITS OUT

West Indies' tail wagged vigorously when play commenced yesterday morning, Constantine hitting hard for 79 to enable West Indies to secure a lead of 146 on the first innings.

England were never in difficulty in their second innings, Hutton batting confidently throughout the innings which lasted 320 minutes during which time he hit 17 fours.

The weather was threatening and the wicket was damp when the West Indies resumed their innings in the morning before a crowd of 2,000. Sealey (17 not out) and Constantine, who had scored a single overnight added 45 runs between them when the former was caught by Wright off Nichols. Sealey contributed 24.

Martindale joined Constantine, but the newcomer had a short life, being bowled by Perks after scoring three runs.

Clarke shared the same fate, also

falling a victim to Perks for two runs.

Constantine, now joined by Johnson, had in the meantime brought his individual score to 79 by hard hitting and he was eventually dismissed when he was held by Wood for Perks to claim his fifth wicket. Constantine hit a six and 11 boundaries. Johnson was nine not out and the total 498.

### ENGLAND BAT AGAIN

Hutton and Keeton opened England's second innings about an hour before lunch and brought the score to 39 when Keeton was bowled by Constantine after he had made 20.

Oldfield and Hutton remained together until the interval when the total was brought to 54 for one. Hutton had scored 28 and Oldfield seven.

The crowd had increased to 5,000 after lunch when Oldfield, after scoring 19, was caught by Sealey off Johnson, the total being 77 for 2.

Walter Hammond became associated with Hutton and the play became quite lively, the runs coming in fast from both batsmen who defied the bowling until the tea interval. Hutton reached his 50 runs in 115 minutes

## TEST SCORE BOARD

ENGLAND—1st Inns. .... 352

### SECOND INNINGS

Hutton, not out ..... 165  
Keeton, b Constantine ..... 20  
Oldfield, c Sealey, b Johnson 19  
W. R. Hammond, b Clarke 138  
Compton, not out ..... 10  
Extras ..... 14

Total (3 wkts. dec.) .... 366

Hardstaff, Nichols, Wood, Wright, Goddard and Perks did not bat.

Fall of wickets:—1 (Keeton) for 39; 2 (Oldfield) for 77; 3 (Hammond) for 341.

### Bowling Analysis

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Martindale	10	2	46	0
Johnson	14	2	76	1
Constantine	20	3	97	1
Clarke	17	1	78	1
Grant	1	1	38	0
Headley	4	0	17	0

### WEST INDIES—1st Innings

R. S. Grant, c Goddard, b Perks ..... 6

Jeff Stollmeyer, c Perks, b Hutton ..... 59

G. Headley, run out ..... 65

Vic Stollmeyer, st. Wood, b Goddard ..... 96

G. E. Gomes, b Perks ..... 11

R. H. Weekes, c Hammond, b Nichols ..... 137

J. E. D. Sealey, c Wright, b Nichols ..... 24

L. N. Constantine, c Wood, b Perks ..... 79

E. A. Martindale, b Perks ..... 3

C. B. Clarke, b Perks ..... 2

Johnson, not out ..... 9

Extras ..... 7

Total ..... 498

Fall of wickets:—1 (Grant) for 12; 2 (Jeff Stollmeyer) for 128; 3 (Headley) for 134; 4 (Gomes) for 164; 5 (Vic Stollmeyer) for 227; 6 (Weekes) for 389; 7 (Sealey) for 434; 8 (Martindale) for 445; 9 (Clarke) for 475; 10 (Constantine) for 498.

### Bowling Analysis

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Nichols	34	4	161	2
Perks	30.5	6	156	5
Wright	13	2	53	0
Goddard	12	1	56	1
Hutton	7	0	45	1
Compton	5	1	20	0

—Reuter.

and Hammond took 75 minutes to make 53.

The score at the tea interval was 222 for 2; Hutton 97 and Hammond 76, both not out.

After he had been batting 220 minutes, Hutton reached his century, his second against West Indies in the present series, while Hammond, scoring much faster, took only 155 minutes to reach three-figures.

This was Hammond's first century in Test matches against West Indies and, in accomplishing this feat, he also beat Don Bradman's record of 21 centuries in all Tests.

When the score had been advanced to 341 and his personal contribution to 138, one of Clarke's spinners got through Hammond's defence to end his magnificent innings.

Hitting 21 fours, Hammond was associated with Hutton in a partnership of 264 in 180 minutes, breaking the record for third wicket partnerships in any Test and bettering the previous record of 244 between Hammond and Hutton in the first Test at Lord's.

Johnson, who had been dismissed in the first Test, was not out in this Test, his score of 19 being his highest in any Test.

## REPORTS ON 8-BALL OVER

London, August 9.—The M.C.C. last night issued the following regarding the eight-ball over:—

"The result of the first year's trial of the eight-ball over in first-class and minor County cricket will be considered during the coming winter."

"It is known that in league and club cricket the eight-ball over has been given a trial, and reports on these trials received by the secretary of the M.C.C., Lord's Cricket Ground, London, N.W.8, before October 1, 1938, will be of much value."

"In the case of clubs affiliated to leagues, associations, or conferences, clubs should not report individually, but expressions of opinion from each controlling body, with a statement of the number of clubs represented by the reply, will be appreciated."

## U.S. TEAM MANAGER & WHITE CITY "INCIDENT"

London, August 9.—The American athletes who took part in Monday's International meeting at White City, London, showed a disposition yesterday to regard the boeing of their miller, Blaine Rideout, as merely a spontaneous outburst on the part of some spectators who did not understand what was happening during the race.

Mr. Guy Stollenwerk, the United States team's manager, told a reporter that the expert critics appeared to share his view that the supposed jostling on a bend in the last lap was all part of ordinary racing tactics, and that the incident did not affect the result.

"We have practically forgotten the boeing. The hospitality and graciousness of your crowd, apart from one small incident, was gratifying to all of us, and we hope that our showing was sufficiently good to warrant a continuance of the usual friendly relations between American athletes and those of your country."

Questioned about the suggestion that there would be an official inquiry into the incident, the manager said: "There was no protest on the ground, and there will be no protest. The matter is finished."

## ARMY SWIMMING EVENT POSTPONED

The Army half-mile swimming team race at Stonecutters, arranged for to-day has been postponed owing to the weather.

The contribution was 100. Compton, who had 100, was the only one to reach 100.

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## BOXING

# KANE'S BID FOR BANTAM TITLE

## His Prospects Of Dethroning Johnny King

LONDON, AUGUST 13. —Peter Kane's long-awaited challenge to Johnny King for the British bantamweight championship made last week one of definite boxing progress.

Many had begun to fear that the amputation of the little finger of his right hand had seriously jeopardised the highly promising ring career of this young Lancashire blacksmith.

The operation followed Kane's capture of the world's flyweight championship in a match with Jackie Jurich, of America, but he subsequently relinquished the title on the ground that he could no longer train down to 8 stone without weakening himself.

As a bantamweight he has met only Continental opposition. There have been long rests between his fights and only against Legrand, the Belgian, in April, and against Pierre Louis, the Frenchman, at Monte Carlo, a week ago, has he ever looked like the fiery little "killer" he was a year or two ago.

According to the reports, it was with his left hand that Kane stopped Louis, but his connections must now be satisfied that his right is no longer susceptible to violent impact, or they would not have been so ready with a challenge—with a £500 stake to back it—to so tough a customer as little King.

### "IN-AND-OUT" PERFORMER

King has held the bantamweight title for some years now, and has resisted the challenge of his fellow Mancunian, Jackie Brown, the former world's flyweight champion, and Len Hampston. The lack of formidable opposition in his own division has caused him to tackle bigger men, and he has been a rather "in-and-out" performer in catch-weight fights.

He is still a year or two on the right side of thirty, and, trained for a title match, he will not surrender easily to the more youthful Kane. Neither is it certain that Kane's defence is sufficiently solid or well-

planned to protect him against King's powerful and well-timed right-hand punch. Kane's guard is lamentably open at times, particularly when he has withdrawn from an offensive which has not quite carried its objective.

If Kane fights as he used to in his fly-weight days, his speed and initiative might bring him an early victory, but if the fight goes the distance I would rather be in King's corner than Kane's. However, a more accurate prophecy will be possible when we have seen what sort of shape the men are in after a really intensive training campaign.

### A CERTAIN "WINNER"

The match is sure to be made soon. It is a winner in Liverpool or Manchester, and ought to draw a big crowd of the more sophisticated kind in London. Offers will roll in the next week or two.

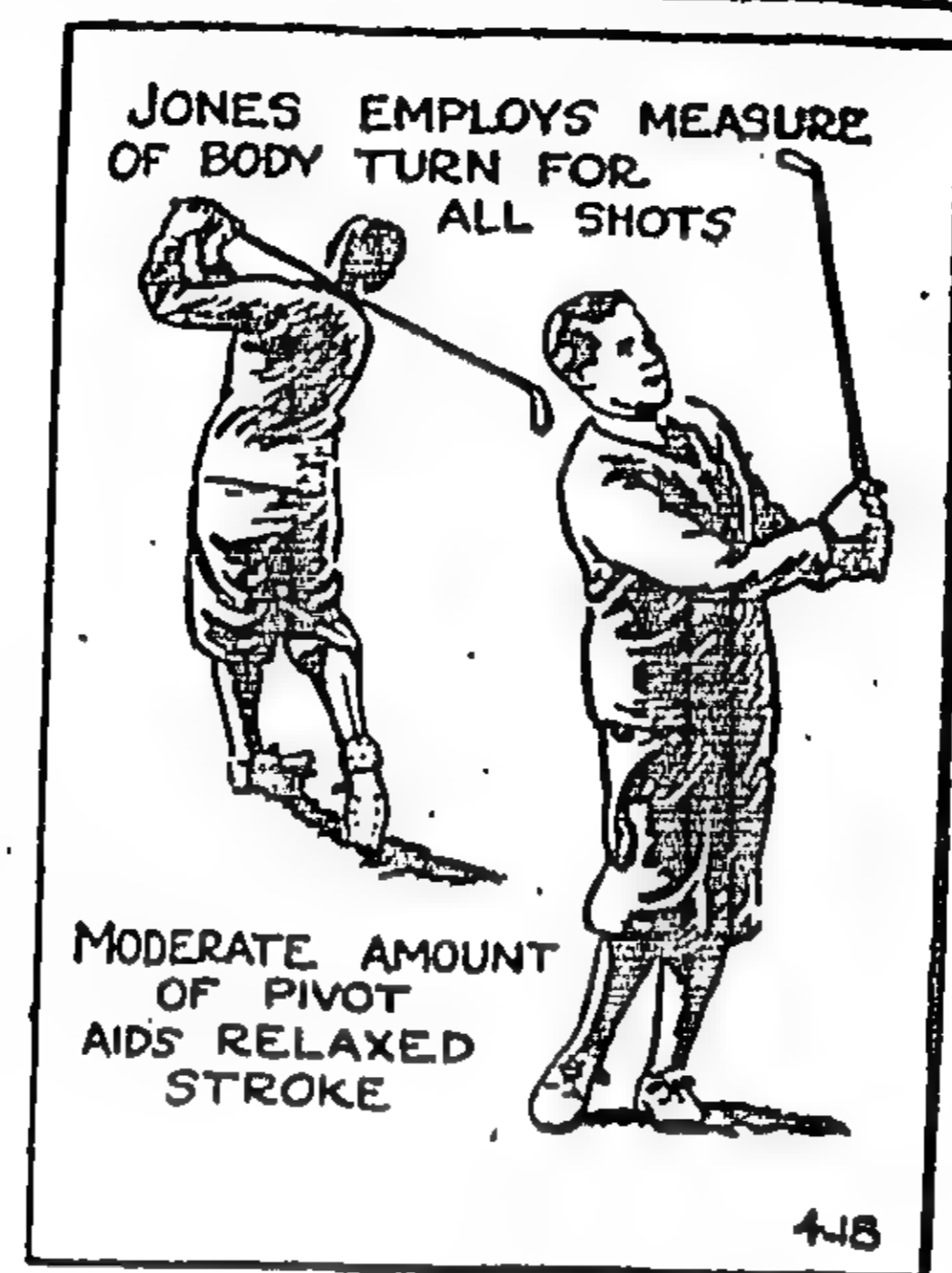
Jackie Paterson, the Scottish flyweight champion, and Eric Jones, the Southern Area champion, meet at Glasgow on Tuesday. The winner should be matched straight away with Paddy Ryan, as we have not had a British flyweight champion since Lynch. Even when Kane was world champion the British title was vacant.

Another promising young heavy-

(Continued at foot of preceding Col.)

## TURNING THE BODY

### GRAPHIC GOLF



### By BEST BALL

The golfer who purposely restricts his body turn in making a stroke leaves a wide open path for tension to creep in. And tenseness as any good golfer will tell you is one of the worst enemies of accurate swinging. Even on putts there is a noticeable flow of movement in Bobby Jones' stroke. Naturally the full use of the bodily muscles in the stroke calls for a good deal of practice. That is one of the reasons it is advisable for the player to give some attention to swing fundamentals before he enters into actual play. Make the body turn an instinctive process and the battle is half won.

Curtailing the body motion because of a fear of consequences is an ever present menace on the course but the golfer who has created a resistance against it, is much better equipped to play good golf. Joyce Wethered used to practice body turn by merely turning the body to the left and then the right without holding a club. It gave her one of the most accurate, as well as fundamental-sounding, pivots in golf.

Friday—Don't Resist The Swing.

## RE-ARRANGED LAWN BOWLS FIXTURES

The following are the re-arranged bowls fixtures for the remainder of the season.

### SEPTEMBER 2

#### First Division

Kowloon D.R.C. v Civil Service C.C.  
Recreio "A" v Kowloon B.G.C.  
Craigengower v Recreio "B"  
Indian R.C. v Kowloon C.C.

#### Third Division

Kowloon B.G.C. v Stanley  
Hong Kong F.C. v Kowloon F.C. C.C.  
v H.K.E.R.C.

### SEPTEMBER 4

#### First Division

C.C.R. v Indian R.C.

### SEPTEMBER 9

#### First Division

Recreio "B" v Police  
Civil Service C.C. v Kowloon C.C.  
Recreio "A" v Indian R.C.  
Kowloon D.R.C. v Kowloon B.G.C.

#### Third Division

Kowloon F.C. v Yacht Club  
Stanley v H.K.E.R.C.  
Kowloon C.C. v Craigengower C.C.  
Kowloon B.G.C. v Recreio

### SEPTEMBER 16

#### First Division

Kowloon B.G.C. v Police R.C.  
Civil Service v Recreio "B"  
Kowloon C.C. v Recreio "A"  
Indian R.C. v Craigengower C.C.

#### Third Division

Hong Kong F.C. v Craigengower C.C.  
Recreio v Yacht Club  
H.K.E.R.C. v Kowloon C.C.

### SEPTEMBER 23

#### First Division

Police R.C. v Kowloon B.G.C.  
Recreio "B" v Civil Service C.C.  
Recreio "A" v Kowloon C.C.

#### Third Division

Craigengower v Hong Kong F.C.  
Yacht Club v Recreio  
Kowloon F.C. v Stanley  
Kowloon C.C. v H.K.E.R.C.

### SEPTEMBER 30

#### First Division

Police R.C. v Craigengower C.C.  
Kowloon B.G.C. v Kowloon C.C.  
Indian R.C. v Kowloon Dock  
Civil Service v Recreio "A"

#### Third Division

Yacht Club v Hong Kong F.C.  
H.K.E.R.C. v Recreio  
Craigengower v Kowloon B.G.C.  
Stanley v Kowloon C.C.

## HOME SOCCER RESULTS

London, To-day.

The following were the results of games played yesterday in the Scottish League.

### FIRST DIVISION

Partick	2	Hearts	2
St. Mirren	0	Rangers	0
Third Lanark	4	Cowdenbeath	2

—Reuter.

## YORKSHIRE AND MIDDLESEX BOTH BADLY BEATEN

LONDON, TO-DAY.—Gloucestershire made a somewhat belated recovery in the race for County Championship honours, which, although improving their position considerably, leaves them little prospect, in the time available, of displacing either Yorkshire or Middlesex from the first and second places.

Gloucestershire scored a convincing victory over Middlesex by 186 runs thanks chiefly to Sinfeld's bowling and Crapp's batting.

Yorkshire, however, also lost unexpectedly to Essex by an innings and 4 runs.

Scores as cabled by Reuter.

At Birmingham, Surrey beat Warwickshire by an innings and 1 run. Surrey:—336.

Warwick:—115 (Brown 6 for 46) and 220 (Watts 10 for 67).

At Sheffield Essex beat Yorkshire by an inning and four runs. Essex:—343 (Verity 5 for 40).

Yorkshire:—131 (Peter Smith 3 for 4) and 208 (Taylor 4 for 75).

At Ilkeston, Derbyshire beat Nottinghamshire by 147 runs. Derbyshire:—319 (George Pope 121) and 148.

Nottinghamshire:—185 (Mitchel 4 for 73) and 135 (George Pope 4 for 21).

At Cheltenham, Gloucester beat Middlesex by 186 runs. Gloucester:—214 (Sims 7 for 109) and

327 for 7 dec. (Crapp 101). Middlesex:—247 (Sinfeld 4 for 78 and 108 (Sinfeld 6 for 48).

At Bournemouth, Somerset beat Hampshire by an innings and 62 runs. Somerset:—453 for 8 dec.

Hampshire:—161 (Hazell 6 for 60), and 230 (McClirkell 107, Meyer 6 for 48).

At Manchester, Lancashire beat Kent by four wickets. Kent:—215 (Ames 108, Phillipson 6 for 70) 254 (Valentine 109 (Phillipson 6 for 78).

Lancashire:—252 and 218 for 6.

At Eastbourne, Sussex beat Worcestershire by 8 wickets. Worcester:—372 and 302 for 6 dec. (King 118).

Sussex:—476 for 9 dec. (Jim Parks 115 not out) and 200 for 2.

At Cardiff Northamptonshire won on first inning.

Northampton:—369 for 7 dec. and 156 for 8 dec.

Glamorgan:—206 and 222 for 7.

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## IRISH RUGBY

## FIVE INTERNATIONAL GAMES NEXT SEASON

## MEETING AUSTRALIA AND FRANCE

Dublin, August 13.—The final Irish Rugby trial which was to have been played on January 27, now the date for the recently arranged match with France in Belfast, is hardly likely to be staged at all, writes a correspondent.

I believe the view held in official circles is that the trial is redundant in view of the fact that Ireland will have played two international matches prior to the engagement in the championship series with England.

I think most people will agree, therefore, that the playing of the customary trial before the match with England is not necessary. It may be argued, of course, that in order to get a line on form the trial might be played before the match with the Australians at Lansdowne Road on December 9.

I do not think it would be possible to fit in a date; furthermore, by the time Ireland comes up against the Australians our selectors should have gleaned sufficient knowledge of our playing strength from the inter-provincial matches, the last of which is in November 12.

There is, therefore, no pressing need for the usual international trial. Unlike England and Wales, where preliminary tests may be essential to sort out the best from the next best, our supply of potential "caps" is much more limited, and by the time we have played Australia and France we should know all we want to know about our team and its chance in the opening match of the international championship with England.

As a matter of fact, Ireland this season should derive considerable advantage from having two representative matches before taking on England.

## NO LEINSTER TRIAL

I understand, by the way, that the Leinster trial is also to be scrapped and may never be revived. No tears will be shed either by players, selectors, or followers of the game, for in recent years, at any rate, the trial has usually turned out to be a fiasco. It was the intention to replace it with a match with Lancashire, but owing to some delay the fixture could not be arranged for this season.

I am assured, however, it will figure on the 1940-41 Leinster fixture-list, and will become an annual affair, as is the Ulster and Yorkshire match, which has been found to be much more valuable to Ulster as a test than an inter-provincial trial. Looking ahead, I

have no about it that if Ireland has the players, they will be provided with ample opportunity of showing their worth long before the international matches come along.

The first important engagement which should help the selectors to start building up Ireland's XV is on October 21, when Ulster meet Yorkshire at Ravenhill. On November 4 we have the first of the inter-provincial championship series with Munster at home meeting Ulster. The following Saturday the Northern Province receive Leinster at Ravenhill, and on November 18 Munster come to Lansdowne Road to take on Leinster.

Here we have four important matches which should give the Irish "Big Five" all the information—good or bad—concerning our chances in the five international engagements that are to follow. In addition we have Ulster meeting the Australians at Belfast on December 2, or a week before the Tourists face Ireland in Dublin. This preliminary tilt at Ravenhill is bound to be helpful to the Irish selectors, while also providing Ulster players to earn their spurs in the big match on December 9.

There will then be a lull in representative fare until the last week in January, when France come over to Belfast. Ireland by then should be able to field an established fifteen; if she is unable to do so, then it will not be because of any lack of opportunity for our players to make good, but because they have not the right stuff in them.

A fortnight after the match with France at Ravenhill, Ireland will receive England at Lansdowne Road. On February 24 we meet Scotland at Murrayfield and a fortnight later, on March 9, our team plays Wales at Swansea.

## CROSS-CHANNEL FIXTURES

Quite a number of matches have been arranged with cross-Channel clubs. Birkenhead Park meet North of

## TENNIS

## BRITISH SUCCESSES

Rye (New York), August 9.—Three members of the British Wightman Cup team—Miss Valerie Scott, Miss Mary Hardwick, and Mrs. Freda Hammersley—won their second round matches in the Easter Grass Court Championships here to-day, but Miss Nina Brown, another member of the team, was beaten. To-day's results were:—

Miss Scott beat Miss Peggy Kerr, Los Angeles, by 6-1, 6-1.

Miss Hardwick beat Miss Marta Barnet, Miami, by 6-3, 6-3.

Mrs. Hammersley beat Miss Louise Raymond, Scarsdale (New York), by 6-4, 9-7.

Miss Pauline Betz, Los Angeles, beat Miss Brown by 6-4, 6-0.

There were two British victories in the women's doubles. Miss Kay Stammers and Mrs. Hammersley beat Miss Marietta A. Guimbeau and Mrs. William N. Hubbard, junior, of Glenbrook, Connecticut, by 6-1, 6-1, in the first round, and in a second round match Miss Betty Nuthall, the captain of the Wightman Cup team, and Miss Nina Brown beat Miss Mary Lou Johnston, Hollywood, and Mrs. Alice Surber, Los Angeles, 6-2, 6-1.—Press Association.

Ireland in Belfast on March 23, and two days later play Wanderers at Lansdowne Road. Bective Rangers are away to Broughton Park on October 28, while Dublin University take on Cambridge University at College Park on December 19, and are away to Oxford University on November 7.

Trinity also receive London Irish on January 13, and visit Headingley on November 9. Instonians cross over to Scotland to play Glasgow High School on November 18, and entertain Fyde on January 27. Manchester have two matches in Ulster, with Malone on March 23, and against North of Ireland two days later. The North also entertain Waterloo on January 20, and go to play Sale on December 16. Wanderers have an engagement on Merseyside with Waterloo on November 11.

## SPORTS PARADE

EYEBROWS were raised at the choice of the English selectors for the final Test at the Oval, for they made four changes from the side which did duty in the second Test at Manchester. Fagg, Paynter, Copson, and Bowes were passed over, and their places went to Keeton, Oldfield, Nichols, and Perks.

Keeton, who is 34, Nichols, in his 39th year, and Perks, who will be 28 in October, have played for England before, but Oldfield made his first appearance for his country. He was 28 in April.

One change was probably forced on the selectors, for Bowes, the Yorkshire fast bowler, is on the injured list.

Notwithstanding the rather unexpected dropping of Paynter, the alterations made for increased batting strength. Nichols is, perhaps, the finest all-round cricketer in the land, and Perks, who shared the burden of the fast bowling with him, is a more than useful tail-end bat. In attack, the combination of the Essex and Worcestershire bowlers did not prove as hostile as that of Bowes and Copson, though Perks twice dismissed Headley in Worcester's game against the tourists. Nichols achieved his best performance of the season in taking 6 Derbyshire wickets at Southend for 18 runs, and Perks played a big part in the recent cheap dismissal of Yorkshire at Bradford. His "bag" for the season to date is 145 wickets.

The expectation that the selectors would "build for the future" by the choice of promising young players was not fulfilled, and the picking of Oldfield, alone can be described as an experiment. Lancashire enthusiasts will be mollified by his selection. Oldfield has had many advocates for his inclusion in a Test team for the past three years and his 80 in his debut Test appearance is very encouraging. He is a stylish bat, particularly dashing on the off-side, and this season has over 1500 runs to his credit. In Lancashire's two games against the West Indies this summer Oldfield made scores of 71 and 42.

THE favouring of Keeton provoked a lot of discussion and his "duck" did not help matters. It must, however, be said that the Nottinghamshire opening batsman fully deserved the honour, for, next to Hutton, he is the best opening bat in England at the moment. In 34 innings, four not out, he has aggregated just over 1700 runs. Against Middlesex at the Oval last month he set up the highest individual score of the season with an innings of 312 not out.

Keeton, who appeared for England against Australia at Leeds in 1934, is fortunate to be playing cricket. In 1935 he had seven ribs fractured and a lung injured in a road accident at Mansfield, and only last October he underwent an operation for appendicitis. His courage and perseverance in face of these handicaps have worthily brought him back into the limelight.

LEN WEST, 17-year-old Leicester-shire player, made an impressive County debut against Hants at Southampton when he dismissed three of the four batsmen who left before lunch. Standing 6ft. 4ins. in height, he bowls slow left hand.

FOR the 1939-40 season of Scottish League football, which began a week ago last Saturday, there were over 100 changes in the playing staffs of the twenty First Division clubs. Of these twenty are players who, since last April, had been transferred from one First Division club to another. In this group are D. Christie (Queen's Park to Aberdeen), J. Mill-

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# Scottish Soccer Prospects

## WILL THIS BE CELTIC'S SEASON?

### QUEEN'S PARK HOPES

Glasgow, August 6.

THE SCOTTISH "SOCCER" season opens next Saturday—a date eagerly anticipated by the thousands of "soccer" enthusiasts in this country, writes a Correspondent.

As always at the start of a new season in Scotland, the big question is: Will the Glasgow "Old Firm" (Rangers—Celtic) monopoly be broken this year?

For longer than most people care to remember, either Rangers or Celtic have won the Scottish League championship, Motherwell's victory in 1931-32 being the only break in the sequence since 1821-22. Rangers were the winners last year—their 13th title since the War. The remarkable thing about it was that their success was unexpected, yet it was one of their biggest ever, 11 points separating them from Celtic, the runners-up.

The idea at the start of last season was that the Ibrox team was carrying too many old-timers, men who could not possibly stay the course of an exhausting season let alone maintain a bid for the championship. How wrong the critics were was proved weeks before the end of the season, when the Rangers already had the championship in their pocket, and were the only team with an undefeated home record.

#### RANGERS MAKE CHANGES

The champions have parted with several of their older players, but with the notable exceptions of W. A. Cheyne, full back, and R. F. Main, outside-right, they can start off with the same men who helped them to their championship success last year.

Remembering the lesson of 1938-39, few people will commit themselves to saying that the Rangers are badly in need of new blood, but it stands to reason that men like Gray, Simpson, Brown and McPhail, who are veterans in terms of service if nothing else, can last for ever. Will Rangers pay for their policy of standing by seasoned men, in 1939-40? Time alone can tell, but I think it is an indication that Rangers are themselves aware of the dangerous ground they have been treading that they have signed two experienced forwards during the close season. They are Chris McNee, Hamilton Academicals diminutive outside-left, and Tommy Gilmour, the inside-forward who played a conspicuous part in Raith Rovers' promotion-winning march in 1937-38, but who could not hold a regular place in the troubled Fife team last season.

When it is considered, however, that the Rangers had to make good the loss of Main and Harrison, who have returned to Hamilton Academicals, it can be realised that the signing of McNee and Gilmour more or less leaves the club where they were, except in this important respect—that McNee and Gilmour will help to provide the new blood that so many people think the Ibrox team requires.

The answer to that will be that the new blood is not being infused into the right place—the defence. But no matter how many potential weaknesses the Rangers may have, I think they will hold their place at the top during the coming season. Like the other members of the "Old Firm," Celtic, they have a penchant for over-riding difficulties and for upsetting public opinion.

#### DELANEY MISSING

The fact that their brilliant young international outside right, Delaney, will not be fit to take his place in the team during the first months of the season is not at all encouraging to Celtic's chances of getting off to a flying start. Yet they even more so than Rangers, have the knack of finding the right man at the moment he is most needed, and Delaney's absence may provide one of their young recruits with the opportunity of proving himself.

Celtic have always followed a dif-

ferent policy in team-building than Rangers—they believe in moulding a player to their own pattern while the Rangers usually rely on buying men brought out by other clubs.

The Parkhead moguls have been as busy as usual in the junior ranks during the close season, and there will be several new faces at Parkhead when the season opens. With the best of last season's lot again available, Celtic are in a position to make another big bid for the honours, despite the handicap of starting off without Delaney.

Indeed, it may well prove to be "Celtic's Year." While people were forecasting a lean time for Rangers at the start of last season they were saying the reverse about Celtic. The prophets may prove to have been a year too soon with those reckonings.

#### IBERNIAN PROMISING

Looking for the clubs most likely to break through the Rangers-Celtic monopoly, I cannot overlook Hibernian and Clyde. It is a case of youth at the helm at Easter Road, Edinburgh—and highly talented youths they are. They start with the nucleus of last season's fine team—young fellows all, when were introduced to Scottish League football at such a tender age that they are now experienced campaigners of two or three seasons, although their average age cannot be much over twenty-two. There are many more lads desperately keen to make the top grade in Mr. William McCartney's reserve strength, which is the finest in the country.

The Hibernian policy of relying on youth against ripe experience paid a rich dividend last season, when the first team reached the semi-final of the Scottish Cup, and the reserve side won the Second XI Cup.

It is now being reached that the last time the latter trophy was won by an Easter Road side, the senior team won the Scottish Cup the next season. Hibernian are hoping that history will repeat itself, and there is no reason why it should not.

#### CLEVER CLYDE

My selection of Clyde as another of the teams to be watched is based on their brilliant finish to last season, when they won the Scottish Cup. They have a team which blends youth and experience in excellent proportion, and their new-found confidence should be valuable to them. Since Mr. Paddy Travers took over the reins of management at Shawfield Park, the club's fortunes have undergone a notable change, and the effects of his influence should again be seen during the coming season.

And what of the Hearts, the enigma of Scottish football? They have been so often fancied in the past, and have so often disappointed their faithful followers that one hesitates to predict big things for them. This season there seems to be less reason to do so than there has been on previous occasions. They have not been sitting on their thumbs doing nothing during the close season, and, like the Rangers, are in need of more new players than they have signed.

It has been obvious to Tynecastle supporters for the last two seasons that the Hearts were badly in need of young players to be ready to step into the shoes of veterans like Andrew Anderson, George Robson and Fred Warren, but they are still without these deputies, unless some of their recruits prove to be real captures.

Falkirk, Aberdeen and Motherwell



SWINDIN, the Arsenal goalkeeper makes a vain attempt to prevent the first goal of the season at the Arsenal Stadium in a friendly game between the Arsenal White and Reds last week. The English soccer season starts on Saturday.

#### LAWN TENNIS

## IRELAND BEAT SCOTLAND FOR FIRST TIME IN 25 YEARS

EDINBURGH, AUGUST 10.—Scotland were defeated in their tennis international match in Dublin yesterday for the first time since 1914. Ireland won by 4 matches to 2.

D. MacPhail was the most impressive Scot. He easily accounted for R. F. Egan in his singles match, and partnered by R. W. Welsh he won his doubles match against H. C. Ryan and C. A. Kemp. These were the only two matches won by Scotland.

R. W. Welsh showed up prominently in his singles match against Kemp, but the Irish player lasted out the pace better, and won in straight sets. The veteran Scot, V. A. Wood Hawks was no match for the agile R. Brown, who was an eleventh hour choice for Ireland, as A. E. Fannin could not play. Brown played very steadily, and, keeping a perfect length, won easily.

W. C. Tait was also outplayed in his singles match, H. J. Ryan proving far too clever for him, but the match between the leading players on each side saw the Scottish champion MacPhail in great form. He forced his opponent to make numerous errors, and his work at the net was almost faultless. In his doubles match he was the dominating force, and repeatedly scored with deadly smashes.

The other doubles match was a keenly contested affair. Tait and Wood Hawks, after losing the first set,

are always there or thereabouts in the two major competitions—the Scottish League and Scottish Cup—and they should be again next season. Falkirk look better endowed than the other two for a sustained change, although Motherwell's expensive recruiting may bring good results.

Then there is Queen of the South, who believe in deeds not words, and who have upset calculations before this. They finished well forward in the Scottish League table last season.

What of the two promoted clubs, Cowdenbeath—whose presence in the First Division will compensate Fife for the relegation of Raith Rovers—and Alloa, the "babes" of the Scottish League? The "Fliers" are well prepared for their new experience of football in the top class, but the same cannot be said of Alloa, who won promotion with a team who cost only a few pounds.

were easy victors in the second, but in a grim, decisive third set, went under by 4-6.

#### MATCH RESULTS

**SINGLES**  
R. Brown (Ireland) beat V. A. Wood Hawks (Scotland), 6-1, 6-2.  
C. A. Kemp (Ireland) beat R. W. Welsh (Scotland), 6-4, 6-1.  
D. MacPhail (Scotland) beat R. F. Egan (Ireland), 6-1, 6-3.  
H. J. Ryan (Ireland) beat W. C. Tait (Scotland), 6-1, 6-3.

**DOUBLES**  
D. MacPhail and R. W. Welsh (Scotland) beat H. C. Ryan and C. A. Kemp (Ireland), 6-2, 7-5.  
R. J. Egan and R. Brown (Ireland) beat W. C. Tait and V. A. Wood Hawks (Scotland), 6-3, 2-6, 6-4.

#### SPORTS PARADE

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er (Hibernian to Albion Rovers), J. Tulips (Falkirk to Alloa), J. Harvey (Celtic to Alloa), and no fewer than six players to the newly promoted club, Cowdenbeath—W. Clark (from St. Johnstone), J. Littlejohn (St. Johnstone), R. McLellan (Third Lanark), G. Wilson (Third Lanark), J. Devlin (Arbroath) and P. Playfair (from Heart of Midlothian).

The others are: R. McCurdy (Hearts to Falkirk), R. Harrison (Glasgow Rangers to Hamilton Academicals), D. Wallace (St. Mirren to Hamilton Academicals).

**M**ANY administrators of the Rugby game in Wales, particularly club executives, are prepared to go a great deal further than the representatives of Australia and New Zealand at the conference to be held in London on proposed changes in the laws of Rugby.

New Zealand is anxious to enforce the 2-3-2 scrumming formation. In Wales there is developing an entirely revolutionary spirit in regard to the winter sport. It is urged that wing forwards should be completely eliminated, and there are many who advocate a reduction of the number of players from fifteen to thirteen.

In the Rugby League in the North of England there is a movement to reduce the number to twelve, leaving only five men in the pack.

# Announcers V. Listeners: "All Sorts" Boo

# To-day's Wireless

# Schubert's Unfinished Symphony

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12-12.20 p.m.—Relay of Service of Intercession from St. John's Cathedral.  
12.30 p.m.—Gracie Fields and Jack Hylton and His Orchestra.  
Car of Dreams—Fox-Trot (film same); Accent On Youth—Fox-Trot (from the film)..... Jack Hylton & His Orchestra.  
Love, Wonderful Love (film 'Sing as we go'); Just A Catchy Little Tune (film 'Sing as we go')..... Gracie Fields (Comedienne) with Orchestra.  
Waltzes From Vienna—Waltz Medley..... Jack Hylton & His Orch.  
In Me 'Oroscope (Harper-Haines); The Girl In The Alice Blue Gown (Parker)..... Gracie Fields with Fred Hartley & His Orchestra.  
You Give Me Ideas—Fox-Trot ('Please Teacher'); Song Of The Cello—Fox-Trot ('Please Teacher')..... Jack Hylton & His Orch.  
1 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Weather Report.  
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1.03 p.m.—Herbert E. Groh (Tenor) and Barnabas Von Geczy and His Orchestra.  
The Wind Has Told Me A Story (Bruhne); Kiss—Serenade (De Michell)..... Barnabas Von Geczy Orchestra.  
Let My Love Fill Your Heart (film 'The Voice of the Heart'); Sunshine In Spring (film 'The Voice of the Heart')..... Herbert E. Groh (Tenor) with Orchestra (Sung in German).  
Tango (Albeniz)..... Barnabas Von Geczy & His Orchestra.  
Vienna Blood—Selection (Joh. Strauss & Others)..... Maria Hester (Soprano); Herbert E. Groh (Tenor) and Max Schipper (Tenor) with Chorus & Orchestra.

(Sung in German).  
Bavarian Wedding (Waltz in Folk Style—Rixner); Gee-Up—Polka (Rixner)..... Barnabas Von Geczy & Orchestra.  
1.30 p.m.—Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.  
1.45 p.m.—Patricia Rossborough at the Piano.  
A Cavalcade of Martial Tunes. Intro: There's something about a soldier; The King's Horses; When the Guards are on Parade; When a Soldier's on Parade; The Toy Drum Major.  
Sweetmeat Joe, the Candy Man (Croom-Johnson).  
Rush Hour (Williamson).  
The Donkey Serenade (film 'Firefly').  
1.58 p.m.—Eddie Carroll & His Music.  
All Ashore—Fox-Trot; Don't Let That Moon Get Away—Fox-Trot (film 'Sing you Sinners'); Blue Danube Swing; Night Ride—Swing; Marie Louise—Waltz (from 'The Flying Trapeze'); There Won't Be Any Spring—Fox-Trot (film 'The Flying Trapeze').  
2.15 p.m.—Close down.  
6 p.m.—An hour of Dance Music.  
Quickstep—Could Be; Fox-Trot—Between a Kiss and a Sigh..... Geraldo & His Orchestra.  
Quickstep—Where Is Our Blue Bird Of Medley Lane; Waltz—Sweethearts (from the film)..... Victor Silvester & His Ballroom Orch.  
Fox-Trots—The Blackpool Walk; The Girl In The Upstairs Flat..... Relix Mendelssohn & His Orch.

Tangos—Nada Mas; Frio..... Orquesta Tipica Francisco Canaro.  
Fox-Trots—Let's Stop The Clock; There's A Ranch In The Rockies..... Geraldo & His Orchestra.  
Waltz—St. Bernard Waltz..... Victor Silvester & His Ballroom Orch.  
Fox-Trots—My First Goodnight; Tears On My Pillow..... Harry Leader & His Band.  
Tangos—By The Black Sea; My Dream Tango..... George Boulanger & His Orchestra.  
Fox-Trots—Mutiny In The Nursery (film 'Going Places'); Jeepers Creepers (film 'Going Places')..... Paul Whiteman & His Swing Music.  
Fox-Trots—Lonely; I Miss You In The Morning..... Billy Thorburn & His Music.  
7 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.  
Ballade No. 3 In A Flat Major, Op. 47; Tarantelle, Op. 43; Valse In A Flat, Op. 69, No. 1; Impromptu No. 3 In G Flat Major, Op. 51.  
7.20 p.m.—Songs by Elisabeth Schumann (Soprano).  
Der Jungling Und Der Tod (Schubert); Das Heimweh; Hin Und Wieder Fliegen Pfeile (Schubert); Liebe Schwarmt Auf Allen Wegen (Schubert)..... with Piano accomp. by Leo Rosenek.  
Nahe Des Geliebten; Lachen Und Weinen (Schubert); Nacht Und Traume; Seligkeit (Schubert)..... with Piano accomp. by Gerald Moore.  
7.36 p.m.—Schubert—Symphony No. 8 In B Minor (The 'Unfinished'). Philadelphia Symphony Orchestra cond. by Leopold Stokowski.  
8 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.  
8.03 p.m.—The B.B.C. Variety Orchestra.  
Curtain Up (Ballerina Suite—Wood); Manhattan Moonlight (Alter); Lulworth Cove (Shadwell); Seville (Haydn Wood); Monckton Melodies—Selection.  
8.20 p.m.—LONDON—The Third Cricket Test Match—England v. The West Indies. A Commentary by Howard Marshall during play and a

summary of the morning's play by Howard Marshall from The Oval, Kennington, London.  
8.35 p.m.—STUDIO—An "All Sorts" Boo—ZBW Announcers v. Listener.  
9 p.m.—Musical Comedy Selections.  
Conversation Piece (Noel Coward).  
The Millionaire Kid (Mayerl)..... The New Mayfair Orchestra.  
9.15 p.m.—LONDON—The News.  
9.30 p.m.—The Comedy Harmonists.  
Must I Then? (A Folk Song); How Can It Be? (A Folk Song); Now We'll Drink Just One More (Schwabach); Love, Me A Little To-day (Brodsky); Congo Lullaby (Spoliansky) Film: "Sanders of the River".  
9.45 p.m.—LONDON—Sports News and Market Notes.  
9.50 p.m.—The Music of Franz Lehar.  
Gypsy Love—Overture..... Edith Lorand & Her Viennese Orch.  
Love's Melody (Film: 'Love's Melody'); Look and Love (Film: 'Love's Melody')..... Marta Eggerth (Soprano).  
Serenade from "Frasquita"..... Emil Roos & His Orchestra.  
I Love You So from "The Merry Widow"..... Richard Crooks (Tenor).  
Gypsy Love—Waltz Melodies..... Orchestre Mascotte.  
The Czarevitch—The Operetta in Brief..... with Herbert Groh (Tenor), Tresl Rudolph (Soprano).  
10.15 p.m.—LONDON—The Third Cricket Test Match—England v. The West Indies. A Commentary during play by Howard Marshall from Kennington Oval, London.  
10.30 p.m.—Dance Music by Henry Jacques & His Orchestra.  
Why Talk About Love (Pollack)—Quickstep; Tears In My Heart (Powell)—Slow Fox-Trot; When Bomba Plays a Rumba (Belglas)—Rumba; Lonely Troubadour (Bory)—Tango; It's Wonderful (Smith)—Quickstep; Serenade to the Stars (McHugh)—Slow Fox-Trot; If You Only Knew (Novello)—Waltz; Why Isn't It You? (Novello)—Quickstep; You're Here, You're There, You're Everywhere (Loeb)—Quickstep; Sunset In Vienna (Hoffman)—Fox-Trot.  
11 p.m.—Close down.



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K 7 5 3  
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J 10 9 6  
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Q 6 5  
A Q  
A K Q 7 3 2  
Q 4  
Mr. Maier

The bidding:  
South West North East  
10 Pass 24 Pass  
3NT Pass 4NT Pass  
6NT Pass Pass Pass

Our team-mate, Merwin D. Maier, is known as a bullish bidder, but since his play of the dummy is so fine, his optimism usually pays, Mr. Maier certainly bid his hand strongly, but the Slam contract looked quite feasible, especially when a heart was opened. When dummy's nine forced the King in East's hand, Mr. Maier won with the Ace and played the Queen of clubs. West covered with the King and eventually won the third round of clubs.

West now put Mr. Maier on the spot by leading a spade, but he naturally was unwilling to finesse since all he needed was a diamond break. Thus Mr. Maier went right in with dummy's spade Ace, then started running

the club suit. East discarded his remaining heart and all his spades except the King. Mr. Maier had discarded his two remaining spades, and on the last This made dummy's Jack high, and club he threw his Queen of hearts. when it was led, East had the unhappy choice of either discarding his spade King or throwing a diamond. East quite naturally chose the later course, but now all the outstanding diamonds dropped and the contract was made. As is the case in many hands, Mr. Maier had overcome a bad break by a cleverly executed squeeze.

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A K x  
Q x x  
K Q x  
K J x

The bidding:  
Burnstone Maier You Jacoby  
1NT Pass (7)

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## QUESTION 186

Q x x x  
K x x x  
x x  
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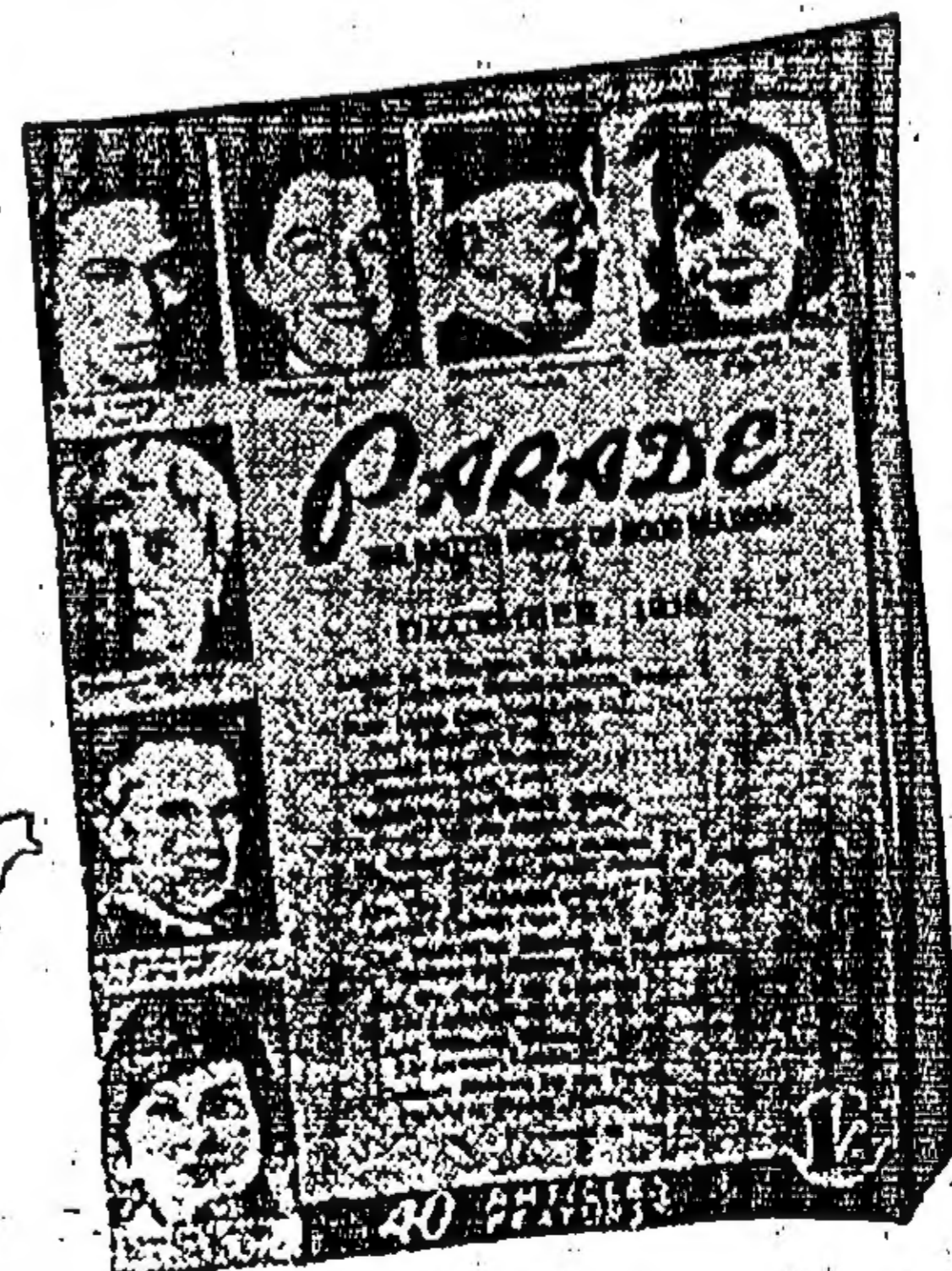
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## FRENCH CABINET DISCUSSION

Paris, To-day.  
The French Cabinet met yesterday afternoon to consider the international situation.

According to several Ministers, the Cabinet was to decide whether or not to recall the French military mission in Moscow.—*Reuter*.

## SENSATION OF FIRST RANK

Moscow, To-day.

The communique of the Tass news agency announcing Herr von Ribbentrop's impending visit to Moscow is prominently featured by the papers.

The announcement is regarded as a sensation of the first rank by Soviet political quarters, as well as by foreign diplomatic circles.

The residence of the German Foreign Minister, Herr von Ribbentrop, during his stay in Moscow will be the palace of the former Austrian Legation in Moscow where preparations have been made for his reception.

The former Austrian legation is

## VON PAPEN DENIED THE CREDIT

Berlin, To-day.

Franz von Papen, the German Ambassador to Ankara, was received on Monday by the Fuehrer at Berchtesgaden.

This fact, becoming known simultaneously with the news of the impending negotiations for a non-aggression pact between Germany and the Soviet Union, caused the rumours that Herr von Papen was connected with the negotiations.

It is learned from authoritative quarters that von Papen has been neither officially nor unofficially in Moscow, and that he is at present in Germany attending the funeral of his mother.

During von Papen's presence at Fuschl, and later at Obersalzberg, the subjects discussed with Ribbentrop and the Fuehrer were exclusively confined to Turkish matters.—*Trans-Ocean*.

## AMBERS WINS

New York, To-day.

Lou Ambers last night regained the world lightweight boxing championship when he defeated the holder, Henry Armstrong, on points in a 15-round bout.—*Reuter*.

located close to the guest house of the Soviet Government where several members of the British and the French military mission to Moscow are quartered.—*Trans-Ocean*.



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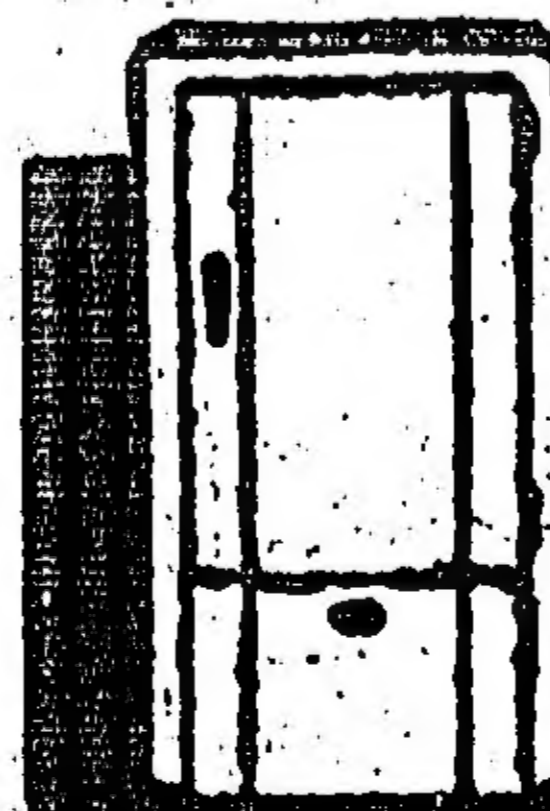
The fight will probably go down to history as a battle of managers, one protesting against fouls and the other against penalties.

Ambers landed harder and cleaner but was often tied up by Armstrong's whirlwind tactics. Armstrong was bleeding heavily at the mouth.

Attendance was 29,088 and gross receipts \$137,925.

The two men will probably be matched again in November for the welterweight title. Armstrong, who had difficulty in making 9 stone, will probably leave the lightweight class. Ambers weighed 9 stone 8½ lbs.—*Reuter*.

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